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Thousands enjoy fair fun



By Dominic Thomas

THE annual Michaelmas Fair returned to Abingdon this week with thousands flocking to enjoy its thrills on Monday and Tuesday.

The fair, which dates back to the 14th century and is believed to be the

longest street fair in Europe, opened on Monday at noon and lit up the town until 11pm on Tuesday.

Children and adults alike enjoyed the amusements which included traditional funfair rides and stalls as it ran the mile length of Ock Street into the Market Place, via High Street.

Town council leader Mike Badcock

said: "The town seemed particularly vibrant on Monday perhaps because of the weather.

"The fair is one of the biggest events of the year. More people come to the fair than probably any other event on the calendar.

"It's a nice generational thing where the whole town comes together and

seems to meet each other."

Town councillor Dennis Garrett said: "It's something that the children of the town always look forward to every year and it's part of a long tradition in Abingdon."

The smaller Runaway Fair is being held on Monday from noon to 9pm - it was traditionally a chance for workers

who had been hired at the Michaelmas Fair by a cruel or untrustworthy master to run away and find work on another farm.

Town centre roads were closed for the Michaelmas Fair including High Street, Market Place, Ock Street, Stratton Way and West St Helen Street until 9am yesterday.



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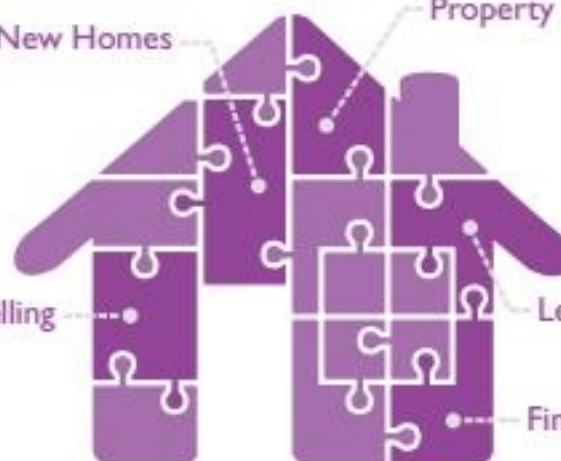
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Driver in fatal crash 'distracted by phone'

By Adam Flinn

"SHOCKING" dashcam footage shows a lorry driver was distracted by his phone when he caused an eight-vehicle crash on the A34 near East Ilsley in which a mother and three children were killed, Reading Crown Court heard.

Tomasz Kroker, 30, of Trajan Walk, Andover, pleaded guilty on Monday to four counts of causing death by dangerous driving and one of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Tracey Houghton, 45, her two sons Ethan, 13, and Josh, 11, and her partner's daughter Amy Goldsmith, 11, died in the crash on the northbound carriageway near the East Ilsley junction on August 10.

The court heard that Kroker had been distracted for "at

least seven and three quarter seconds" just before the crash between four lorries and four cars.

Prosecuting, Charles Ward-Jackson said dashcam footage showed that Kroker had been distracted by his phone, while another angle highlighted a approaching queue of vehicles behind.

Mr Ward-Jackson said: "The dashcam shows the defendant looking repeatedly at his mobile phone. The footage is pretty shocking. Members of the family have been told you can see the accident in real time, and they are going to view it under the supervision of officers in advance."

Kroker only spoke to confirm his name and to give guilty pleas to the five charges.

He was remanded in custody



• Emergency services attend the scene of the crash on the A34 on August 10 (Picture by Jay Wallis) and inset, Tomasz Kroker

to appear at Reading Crown Court for sentencing on October 31.

Another man was seriously

injured in the crash and had to be taken by air ambulance to hospital, while a further 11 people suffered minor injuries.

Public welcome to attend baby girl's funeral

THE public has been invited to attend the funeral of a baby girl found dead in Oxford.

A member of the public found the body close to a footpath off Edgeway Road, Marston, on February 29.

Thames Valley Police confirmed on Monday that the funeral of the baby girl, who

has been named Raihana by the force, would take place at Wolvercote Cemetery at 1pm on Tuesday, October 18.

An inquest last month established that she was stillborn.

The force has twice appealed to the mother to come forward.

Det Insp Jim Holmes, of Oxford Force CID, said: "Our

priority has been to trace the baby girl's mother to ensure she receives emotional and medical support. She is not in any trouble and our door continues to be open to her if she feels able to come forward.

"We also made an appeal to her to come forward to let us know what her baby's name is.

"Sadly she has not felt able to do this and we have, therefore, named the baby Raihana.

"We know how much the local community has been affected and members of the public who wish to pay their respects at the funeral are invited to do so."

He said the mother could call a special number, 07470 911038.

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Driver attacked

OXFORD: A 24-year-old man is awaiting surgery after he suffered a double break to his jaw and had two teeth knocked out in an attack off Cowley Road.

The victim was trying to turn down Bartlemas Close in his car at about 8pm on Monday, when three teenage boys, aged 16 to 17, blocked his way.

He got out of his car to ask them to move, but was punched several times.

The offenders are described as white. The first was about 5ft 9ins, of average build with shaved brown hair and an Irish accent. The second was slim, about 5ft 7ins, and the third was 5ft 5ins, of average build, wearing a hooded top.

Contact police on 101.

Firearm charge

OXFORD: A man has been charged with firearms and driving offences after gunshots were heard in an Oxford street.

Police were called to reports of disorder between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on Friday in Ridgefield Road.

Kujtim Elezaj, of no fixed abode, was charged on Monday with possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear or violence, affray and driving without a licence.

Phone robbery

COWLEY: A 19-year-old man had his mobile phone stolen at knifepoint on Wednesday last week in Oxford Road, Cowley. Contact police on 101.

Ex-PM reveals role

FORMER Witney MP David Cameron has revealed his first role after quitting political life will be to lead the development of the National Citizen Service (NCS) for teenagers.

The NCS aims to prepare teenagers for work through team-building activities and community projects.

Having resigned as Prime Minister after the EU referendum, Mr Cameron also quit his Parliamentary seat in Witney - which he had held since 2001 - last month.

In an article he wrote for

the Daily Telegraph yesterday, he said setting up the NCS was "one of my proudest achievements", with more than 275,000 young people having taken part.

He added: "I am delighted that my first role in my life after politics is to continue my association with this fantastic programme by becoming chairman of NCS Patrons, bringing together a senior cross-party and cross-sector group of patrons and ambassadors who can help NCS to reach more youngsters."

Man held after fire

A MAN was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder on Oxford's Blackbird Leys estate after a woman was injured in a fire.

Police, fire and ambulance services were called to a house in Balfour Road at about 10am yesterday where a 35-year-old woman sustained serious injuries.

South Central Ambulance Service spokesman David Gallagher said the woman was found with 80 per cent first degree burns.

He said: "We were called to

the property where a woman was burning household rubbish in the garden in a sari, which had caught fire.

"She was conscious and breathing. Her injuries are serious but not life-threatening."

She was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Following the arrest, police said their investigations were in their early stages and they were conducting house-to-house enquiries in the street, which was closed off.

Anyone with information should contact them on 101.

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Chance for residents to air opinion on cuts to budget NHS roadshow visits town

By Dominic Thomas

RESIDENTS in Abingdon have the chance to have their say on how budget cuts will affect the county's health services at an exhibition next Wednesday.

The exhibition, to be held at the Abingdon Community FreeSpace Shop, is an additional date to the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's 'Big Conversation Roadshow', which has seen a series of events around the county.

Having not been part of the original schedule, the consultation has been brought to Abingdon at the request of district councillor Monica Lovatt.

Speaking to the Guardian, Cllr Lovatt said: "There have been several around the county in much smaller communities, so I thought we should have one too, as we are quite a large area."

"There are big changes coming up in health and I think it's

very important that people can have their say and find out about them."

The event will be a drop-in session where members of the public, patients, carers and those working in the NHS can have their say on how health services will be changed as part of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's Sustainability and Transformation Plans.

The plans have been set out to help the NHS in Oxfordshire make savings of £200m by 2020.

Damon Palmer, the programme director, said: "We cannot afford to continue providing services in the way we have done in the past. Together, we need to re-think how we deliver health and social care services."

"We really want the public to be partners with us in this process. We want parents, teenagers, patients, carers and people that work in the county to tell us their views about how we



Residents at the Big Conversation roadshow event in Wantage earlier this year

can improve NHS services in Oxfordshire."

Members of NHS staff will be on hand at the roadshow to discuss ideas about how NHS services in Oxfordshire can deliver care in the future.

Roadshow events have already taken place in Oxford, Banbury, Wantage, Witney, Wallingford and Henley.

The exhibition will focus on the financial challenges in Oxfordshire, how the overall

health of the population can be improved, prevention of illness and quality of care. The event will run from 9.30am to 4pm at the shop in Bury Street, on Wednesday, October 19 with staff on hand between 10am and 2pm.

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MGs at museum

ABINGDON: The town's County Hall Museum has started a new exhibition into the history of MG cars.

The exhibition will show how the Abingdon based manufacturer was part of an elite motor racing heritage, competing with the likes of Ferrari, Bugatti and Alfa Romeo since the 1920s.

Visitors can even have a go at racing an MG themselves on the model Scaletrix track.

The exhibition will run until the December 20.

Racism talk

ABINGDON: Residents will meet tonight to discuss the incidents of racism in the wake of Brexit.

A talk is to be held at St Ethelwold House in East St Helen Street from 7pm to 9pm to discuss offensive discourse that arose during the referendum campaign. The event is being organized by campaign group Hope Not Hate. For information visit hopenothate.org.uk/more-in-common.



Lucky escape for dazzled driver

A motorist had a lucky escape after her car crashed into a parked lorry trailer when she was dazzled by the sun on Monday.

Two fire crews attended the scene at 6.10pm on Nuffield Way, Abingdon, after reports of the crash in which she only suffered bruising to her ankle.

Plan submitted for trampoline park

CHILDREN in Abingdon could soon enjoy a new activity after plans for a trampoline park were submitted to Vale of White Horse District Council.

Red Kangaroo, which is planning to roll out similar trampoline parks across the country, put in its planning application to the council last month for a vacant

unit at Fairacres Retail Park, off Marcham Road.

The new 1,860sq ft trampoline centre would have space for 85 trampoline users at a time and also offer provision for exercise classes, parties, corporate hospitality, open jump sessions, dodgeball and volleyball.

The park at the units in Nuf-

field Way would create 52 jobs.

District councillor Monica Lovatt, who is the ward councillor and a member of the planning committee, welcomed the application, saying: "It will provide a fun, leisure activity, which being on an industrial estate will not cause a nuisance to residents."

A decision is due next month.



Red Kangaroo wants to set up a trampoline park in Abingdon



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Police warn killer clowns they face the courts

By George Welch

THAMES Valley Police has warned 'killer clowns' they risk a criminal record following dozens of sightings across the county.

The craze of people dressing up as clowns and jumping out and scaring residents on the streets started in the USA in late summer.

But videos of the pranks on social media led to the trend crossing the Atlantic to the UK, with a number of incidents tak-

ing place in the last week.

Thames Valley Police said on Sunday it had received 14 calls in 24 hours relating to incidents involving clowns.

Many of the clowns' victims had been intimidated or frightened by their encounters.

One of the calls received by the force last weekend was a sighting in Abingdon. In addition, there were reports of a man dressed as a clown and carrying a baseball bat who chased a 10-year-old child through a park in Kidlington.

Staff at county schools have had to reassure pupils over reports of clown attacks.

Police across England and Wales have been called to dozens of clown-related incidents.

Chief Supt Andy Boyd, Thames Valley's head of neighbourhood policing, said: "While we do not want to be accused of stopping people enjoying themselves, we would also ask those same people to think of the impact of their behaviour on others and themselves.

"Their actions can cause

fear and anxiety to other people, this could be perceived to be intimidating and threatening which could lead to public-order offences, arrest and a criminal record.

"In addition, their behaviour is causing multiple reports to our call takers and is tying up police resources which could impact on calls to other incidents.

"We would urge people to refrain from such activity."



Blade found at killer's home

A BLADE used to kill book dealer Adrian Greenwood was found at the home of the man accused of his murder, a court heard this week.

Evidence presented to Oxford Crown Court by forensic scientist Stephen Paddock revealed the blade found at Michael Danaher's home in Peterborough was part of the weapon which killed Mr Greenwood in Iffley Road.

The knife's handle, which had been broken off at the murder scene, was found to have the DNA of both men on it. The evidence also showed that DNA from Danaher, 50, was found on a blood-stained tap at the book dealer's home.

Danaher denies murder, but admits that he killed Greenwood, who suffered 33 stab wounds, in self-defence.

The court had previously heard that Mr Greenwood was on a list of wealthy targets that Danaher was planning to rob.

A £50,000 copy of *The Wind in the Willows*, which Mr Greenwood was selling, was among items recovered by police at Danaher's flat.

The prosecution said Danaher had been struggling with financial problems, which had led to him turning to crime.

His defence is due to begin on Monday.

Ex-deputy PM signs new book

FORMER deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg visited Oxford on Tuesday to sign copies of his new book at Waterstone's before joining Witney by-election candidate Liz Leffman.

He met members of the public at the city-centre store who came to buy his book, *Politics Between the Extremes*.

Mr Clegg described it as: "An examination of politics given the tendency towards the populist politics on both the right and

left and an appeal to the centre ground."

Speaking later at the Lib Dem HQ in Witney, Mr Clegg said: "It's great to see how wonderfully Liz Leffman has been received as a very serious challenger to the Conservatives in the seat like this."

Mr Clegg is pushing for Parliament to block the possibility of an early exit from the EU.

He said: "With the slow erosion to services such as buses,

I think even mainstream local Conservatives here want to send a message to Theresa May that they do not want her to lead the country toward a hard Brexit."

He said the Witney by-election caused by the resignation of former Witney MP David Cameron was gaining in national importance.

There are 13 other candidates standing in the by-election next Thursday. See full list at: www.oxfordshireguardian.co.uk



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Scientists issue a pledge in the light of EU referendum

By Dominic Thomas

BRITAIN has to be at the forefront of large-scale scientific developments to protect the European science industry as a whole, county leaders in the sector were told.

The heads of organisations making up Oxfordshire's science and technology sector were given that message at a summit at Cowley's Unipart House when they met to discuss the impact of the UK's decision to leave the EU on Friday.

MEP for the South East, Anneliese Dodds, led the meeting with leaders from the county's university and science centres to initiate a new pledge.

The pledge, known as the Oxfordshire Science Declaration, outlined a commitment to protecting and promoting the science and technology industries in the county in the light of plans to restrict freedom of movement of workers.

Speaking on Friday, MEP Dodds said: "We're trying to make sure that our European colleagues are aware of the damage that will be done to European science as a whole if Britain is not part of Horizon 2020 and some of the other large-scale scientific endeavours."

Chancellor Phillip Hammond had given assurances that the UK's participation in Horizon 2020 would be underwritten by the Government if



• MEP Anneliese Dodds speaking at the Summit for Oxfordshire

the leave vote won.

Focussing on Oxfordshire, where a majority voted to remain, Ms Dodds said: "We're very lucky in this county because there's quite a lot of agreement about the infrastructure challenges we face."

"We've also got to build into people's understanding of Oxfordshire that it's got to be a very tolerant place for people to come. And we need to make sure local people to have pride in the science that goes on here."

The panel hosted scientists from Harwell and Culham, and was chaired by OxLEP director Nigel Tittle.

Also speaking on the panel, Gill Wells, head of the European Office at the University of Oxford, said: "The challenge for Oxfordshire is

to define the messages that these sectors want to give in light of what the Government wants to achieve. We have to make sure we speak with one voice."

Scientist Claire Vallance, a Professor of Chemistry at Oxford University, said: "I feel like [Brexit] is a total catastrophe for science, but it's encouraging that somebody seems to have a plan."

Speaking of the effect on the industry, she said: "The streams of funding for science are really competitive, so with proposals that are going in, continental Europeans are really thinking twice about inviting people from the UK to take part because they don't know what's going to happen with Brexit so they don't want to take the chance."

Ex-trust head quits her new position

THE former head of Southern Health NHS Trust has quit her new position with the organisation.

Katrina Percy quit as chief executive of the heavily criticised trust on August, citing "media attention" as her reason for doing so.

However, it later emerged the trust had given her a new job offering strategic advice to GPs - but on Friday she also stepped down from that, taking a £190,000 pay-off.

In June, the trust accepted responsibility for the death of 18-year-old Connor Sparrowhawk, who drowned in a bath.

A report also found it had failed to investigate properly the deaths of more than 1,000 people in its care.

A trust statement said: "Following the recent announcement

that Katrina Percy will take on a regional strategic advisory role, we have received correspondence from the public, patients and families expressing their concerns.

"We have listened to all of this feedback and reflected. Both the trust and NHS Improvement believe it is no longer possible for Katrina to continue in her new advisory role."

"Katrina shares this view and we have worked with NHS Improvement to come to a settlement where she will leave Southern Health with immediate effect, to pursue other opportunities."

Ms Percy said: "After discussing the current situation with colleagues, we have come to the



• Katrina Percy

conclusion that it is not possible for me to continue with my work.

"With great sadness, I will leave the trust with immediate effect and seek other opportunities."

News Bites

'Impasse' on sale

WITNEY: The future of Witney's Corn Exchange remains unclear after negotiations over its sale "reached an impasse", the town council admitted.

A deal could not be agreed between the Corn Exchange Witney Trust and Witney Town Council, which owns the building.

The public halls committee has been asked to take over from the trust to "put together a comprehensive plan to run the hall".

Passenger dies

KIDDINGTON: An 81-year-old man died after he was involved in a car crash on the A44 near Kiddington.

He was taken to hospital after the incident at 4.30pm on Tuesday last week when the Kia he was a passenger in collided with a Suzuki travelling in the opposite direction.

The two female drivers, who sustained serious injuries, remain in hospital.

Mortar found

OXFORD: Two teenage boys had a surprise when fishing on Friday when they found what turned out to be a mortar on a stretch of the River Cherwell in Christ Church Meadows.

A member of the public raised the alarm after seeing the boys find the shell and throw it back into the water.

Police closed off the meadows and the mortar was dealt with by the military.

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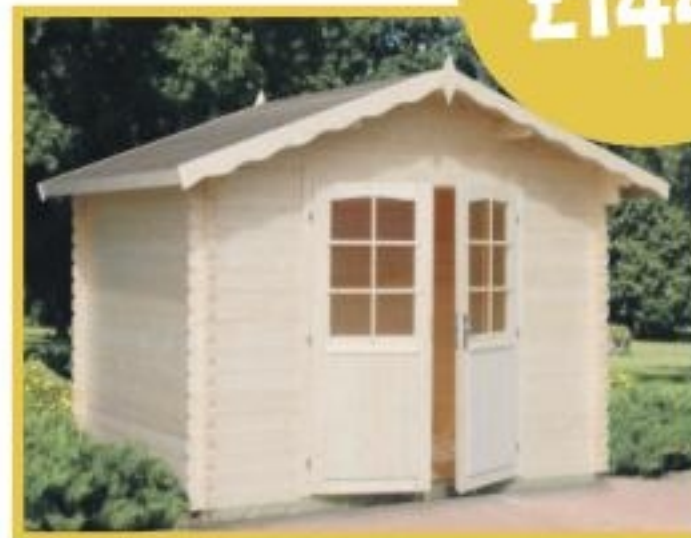
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Power Station demolition firm loses contract

THE firm used to demolish the Didcot 'A' power station has been told its services are no longer required by the site owners.

Coleman and Company was working on the site owned by RWE Enpower when the boiler house partially collapsed on February 23, killing four workmen.

They had been preparing the boiler house for demolition when it partially collapsed.

Workers Michael Collings, 53, Christopher Huxtable, 34, Ken Cresswell, 57 and John Shaw, 61, all died in the collapse.

It took 200 days for the all the bodies to be recovered.

In May, the firm was removed from the recovery operation to find the missing workers but was due to resume work to clear the site.

Demolition firm Brown and Mason were hired to manage recovery work instead.

A statement from Coleman and Company said: "[We] can announce that we will not be continuing with the remaining demolition and site clearance work at Didcot A Power Station. We agreed with site owners RWE, that this is in the best interests of all parties.

"We would like to thank RWE for their support over the last 2 years."

Pupils stir up record sum at charity coffee morning

By George Welch

AUTISTIC pupils at LVS Oxford raised a record sum for Macmillan Cancer Support by staging their own coffee morning.

A total of £515.13 was raised, marking a significant increase on the school's previous best of £367 last year.

The pupils were in charge at the money-raising event on September 30, serving refreshments to visitors, practising handling money and counting the profits.

The Begbroke school for children with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum helps pupils learn skills to enable them to live independently and to raise their confidence to deal with social situations.

LVS Oxford head of centre Louisa Allison-Bergin said: "We are delighted that not only has LVS Oxford contributed to such a worthy cause, but that in allowing our students to take a key role in the successful event they have been able to gain practical experience in several key areas that we look to develop them in, such as social skills and learning to become more independent."

A demonstration of pupils benefiting from fundraising

events such as this was exemplified by Byron Davies, who was in charge of selling goods, and showed his progress at the school by serving numerous customers.

His mother Jackie said: "Byron has really enjoyed today and practising new skills he is being taught. He has been at LVS Oxford since December and is thriving. He comes home happy, wants to go to school and is so enthusiastic, just like throwing himself into today's event - all things that did not happen before."

With a number of pupils studying for the Jamie Oliver Cooking Skills BTEC, the morning also provided some learning opportunities in creating goods to sell at the event with many home-made cakes contributing to the school's record breaking sales total.

Twelve-year-old Dan Boorman, who struggles with communication and inter-action difficulties, personally raised over £100 of the total by selling cakes he made himself with mum Lindsey at Ladygrove Church in Didcot.

His father Hugh said: "Dan stood in front of the whole congregation to announce the cake sale and to collect the

money and talk to people buying goods.

"He has been at LVS Oxford since September 2015 and we have noticed an amazing difference in what he can do - the confidence he has developed since joining, and his ability and willingness to stand up and be centre stage in front of people."

LVS Oxford is hosting an open day next Wednesday. More details can be found by searching online for LVS Oxford Open Days.



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Force appoints

OXFORD: Thames Valley Police has appointed a new commander and deputy commander for Oxford.

Superintendent Joe Kidman has taken on the top role, taking over from Supt Christian Bunt, who will take up a new role in the force's HQ.

Supt Kidman said he was "very excited and extremely honoured" to take on the role.

Chief Inspector Marc Tarbit has been appointed deputy commander.



• Supt Joe Kidman, left, and Chief Insp Marc Tarbit, right

Charity's appeal

OXON: The South Central Ambulance Service charity wants the public's help to raise £1m by Christmas 2019 to help support the service in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Hampshire.

The charity officially launched its campaign yesterday to train and equip communities and volunteer community first responders.

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Nightclub assault

OXFORD: A man has suffered concussion and a black eye after a fight in an Oxford nightclub.

An 18-year-old man was pulled to the floor and kicked in the head by a group of six to eight men in the men's toilets of Atik in Park End Street between about 3am and 4am on Sunday, October 2.

The offenders are described as white with olive complexions, and one was dressed in Adidas branded clothing.

Life and death fest

OXFORD: A three-week festival of life and death begins in Oxford later this month.

Kicking the Bucket Festival, runs from October 24 until November 13 and will host talks, workshops, comedy shows and music performances with a main weekend event from November 4 to 6.

Visit www.kickingthebucket.co.uk for full details.

Scientist award

OXFORD: Oxford Brookes University biologist Dr Louise Hughes has won a national science communication award for helping merge science and art to spark interest in biosciences.

The Royal Society of Biology award is to be presented tonight.

Boy reunited with family after life-saving surgery

By George Welch

A THREE-YEAR-OLD Ghanaian boy who underwent life-saving surgery at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital is home after more than three months away.

Ethan Suglo had a potentially deadly condition called Exomphalos, which allowed some of his organs to function outside his abdomen rather than inside.

Ethan and his dad Charles travelled to Headington in June for the operation in July because his local surgery in Ghana does not have the expertise or facilities to carry out the operation.

After the successful procedure on July 13, Ethan returned home at the end of September after three months away from his family and friends.

Before they left Charles said: "It's sad to say goodbye but we think it's the right thing to do as well."

"Thank you all for the numerous help you gave us and the love, care and support you give us."

"You will always remain in our heart and life for the great things you did and the unflinching love."



• Ethan after his operation (Picture courtesy of Ethan's Life Saving Surgery/Facebook)

"May the good Lord protect, guide and bless you. May he always give you peace and joy in everything you do."

"We will continue to update you all how Ethan is fairing and we know one day he will come to say 'thank you for saving my life'."

Ethan, from Ghana's Volta region, was given the hope of help after meeting British doctors David and Jacquie Williams when they visited Ghana.

The couple, from Stretton-



on-Fosse, Warwickshire, met Ethan's father at a radio station where he works while visiting their daughter Laura who was doing voluntary work in the west African country.

After their trip to Ghana last year, the Williams' looked to see if Ethan's condition could be treated in the UK.

They found consultant paediatric surgeon Dr Hugh Grant who agreed to operate on Ethan

at the John Radcliffe.

Mr and Mrs Williams, who started fundraising in March, worked with the charity Willing & Abel which helps children in developing countries receive treatment. The charity pledged £10,000.

With £70,000 raised and counting, the charity intends to help other children in countries like Ghana who desperately need operations.

Landmarks miss out on top accolade

TWO striking new Oxford buildings narrowly missed out on one of the UK's biggest architecture awards last week.

The Weston Library in Broad Street and Blavatnik School of Government in Walton Street, both Oxford University buildings, were among a shortlist of six for the Royal Institute of British Architect's Stirling Prize 2016 for the country's best building.

The winner, announced on Friday, was the Newport Street Gallery in Vauxhall, London, which houses a private collection of works by artist Damien Hirst.

The Weston Library, designed by architects Wilkinson Eyre, came second in a public poll before expert judges made their decision.

The institute described it as "one of the only buildings in Oxford where the public has for years passed by unaware of what lies within".

It added: "Now, they are welcomed in and, once in, are totally aware of what the building is all about."

The Blavatnik School of Government came fourth in the public vote and was dubbed "a modern cathedral of learning that at the same time stimulates, soothes and excites".

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Thousands of runners add Vitality to city's growing half marathon

By George Welch

MORE than 7,500 runners took to the streets of Oxford to take part in the city's half marathon on Sunday.

Runners took a new route this year across the University City, with the start and finish moved from St Giles to Broad Street.

Southend AC runner Paul Whittaker raced home to glory on Broad Street, with a time of 1:07.18 seconds, while the first woman over the finish line was Molly Browne, from BRAT Club in 1:21.14.

Hundreds of fundraisers took on the challenge for official charity partners Macmillan Cancer Support and Oxford United Community Trust, as well as other charities close to runners' hearts.

Charleen Cannone, managing director from race organiser GO2, said: "Since relocating the main elements of the Vitality Oxford Half Marathon to the city centre, we have seen the race grow at a phenomenal rate year on year.

"Oxford is a stunning city and the course has a relatively flat profile, making it perfect for both PB hunters and those new to run-

ning. Congratulations to everyone who took part!"

A spokesperson from Macmillan Cancer Support said: "We are thrilled to be the lead national charity for the 2016 Vitality Oxford Half Marathon.

"An incredible 400 runners have taken part for us today and we are expecting to raise £70,000 from the event to support people affected by cancer."

In addition to the main race, more than 450 primary school children

ran their final mile as part of the Schools' Challenge, helping to raise money for local charity partner Oxford United Community Trust.

Neville Koopowitz, CEO of Vitality said: "We are delighted to see so many runners take part in today's Vitality Oxford Half Marathon, it was a superb turnout."



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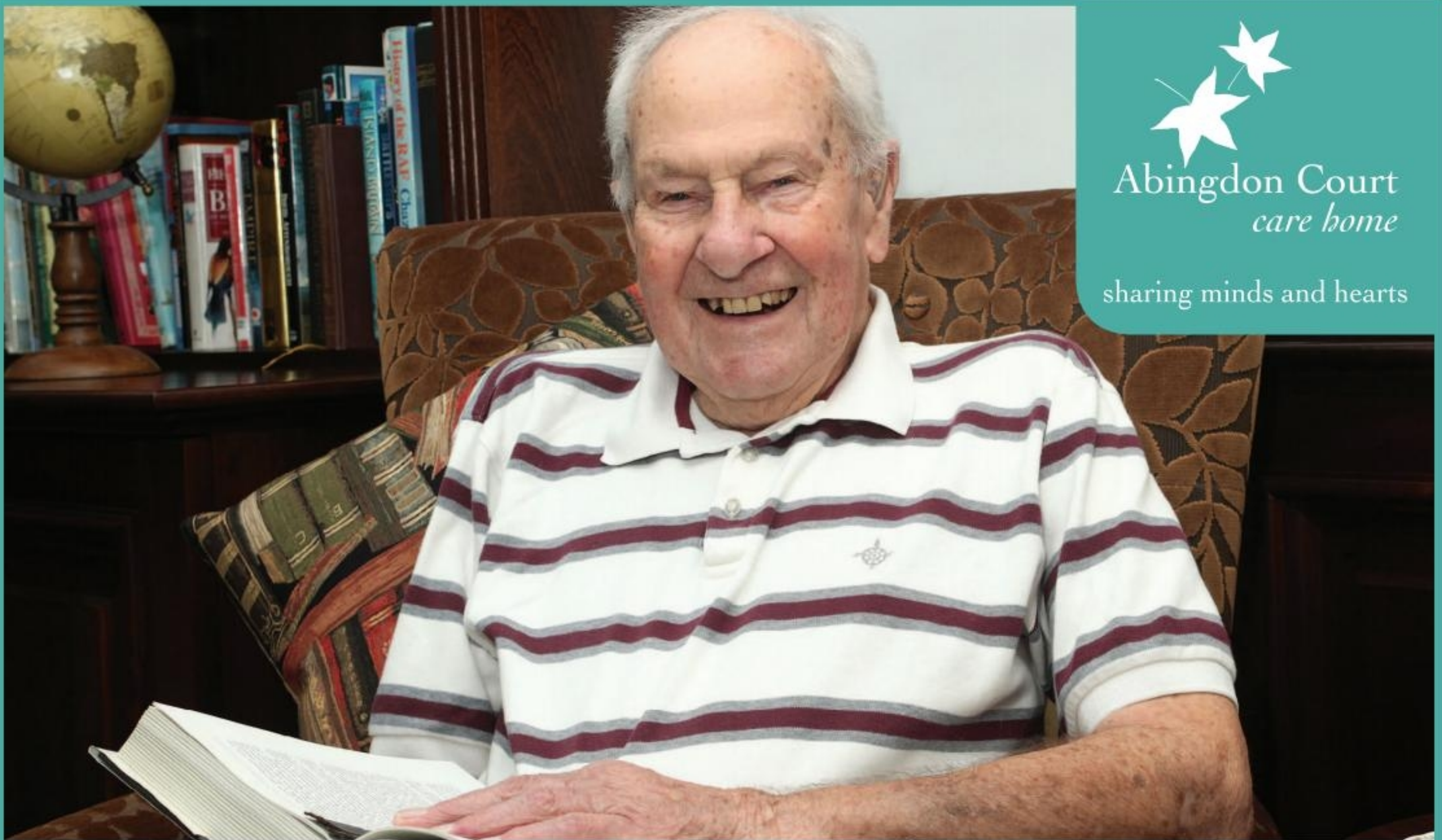
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Town contender fired from TV's The Apprentice

By Samantha McGregor

BICESTER businesswoman Michelle Niziol has been the first person to be "fired" from The Apprentice television show.

Michelle, 35, who founded three companies in mortgages, property and lettings, was given the boot by Lord Sugar at the end of last Thursday's show.

The Apprentice, now in its 12th year, sees Lord Sugar along with advisors Baroness Brady and Claude Littner, put 18 candidates through their paces to secure a £250,000 investment in their business plan.

They face weekly tasks to prove their business skills.

In the first task, the teams of contenders arrived at a lock-up containing antiques and collectables, including furniture, vintage clothing, toys, ceramics, silver and glassware, and had to spot the treasure from the trash to make as much money as possible.

Michelle took on the role of project manager after no-one else volunteered.

She said: "I'm the strongest candidate out of the girls. By ending up being project manager that just shows they think I'm a threat."

Michelle said selling the items was out of her comfort zone and she planned to "sell hard and sell fast to

make the most amount of money".

During the show, Mr Littner criticised Michelle's project management skills saying: "No brain work, no business sense... Lord Sugar would take a dim view of that."

Firing Michelle, Lord Sugar said: "It's very easy for the finger to be pointed at you as project manager, having said that I think a lot of stuff you are responsible for - Michelle, you're fired."

Michelle responded by thanking him for the opportunity, but she later said "he fired the wrong person".

Afterwards, Michelle wrote on her website: "Thank you so much for the support you have all shown me on what was the opportunity and experience of a lifetime. Being an Apprentice candidate was a dream come true, I have enjoyed every minute of it, thank you."

At the start of the new series, Lord Sugar said: "I need to see who's got a good business brain, that's all I'm interested in. The winner gets a £250,000 investment and it will change someone's life forever. Sometimes, some people can't stand the heat, and they complain and they moan."



• Michelle Niziol

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Burst floods road

BICESTER: Contractors worked over the weekend to make repairs after a nine-inch water pipe burst and flooded Banbury Road on Wednesday last week.

A set of traffic lights had to be removed to make the repair, but the burst did not affect the water supply.

A Thames Water spokesman said: "We're sorry to anyone affected by our burst pipe."



Official opening

N OXON: Norbar Tools, which employs 300 people, will officially open its new manufacturing plant in Wildmere Road, Banbury, on October 21 - the new facility is 120,000 sq ft - twice the size of Norbar's current factory.

John Brodey, son of founder Bill Brodey and chairman of the holding company, will cut the ribbon to the facility with the help of local dignitaries.

Show tells air base story

THE story of RAF Upper Heyford and its Cold War history is being told in an exhibition at Banbury Museum.

Upper Heyford, near Bicester, became the largest fighter base in Europe and was nicknamed Little America.

Called 'Cold War Frontier', the exhibition tells the story of how by 1971 the base had become home to thousands of Americans. It includes first-hand accounts, artefacts and stories.

RAF Upper Heyford is one of the best-preserved Cold War bases in Britain and despite redevelopment at the site, many former RAF buildings have been retained.

'Cold War Frontier' has been produced by Chris Prescott, who

has a keen interest in Upper Heyford after spending much of his childhood there with his uncle.

He has since operated his business from Cherwell Innovation Centre and has taken an active role in the heritage efforts on site.

With support from Dave Godhorn, Neil Chislett, Ric Batson and Amy Dudley, he has pulled together collections of memorabilia.

Museum exhibition manager Dale Johnston said: "This is one of those rare exhibitions that combines an international story - the Cold War - with local stories."

The exhibition runs until January 7. On November 12 and January 7, experts will be on hand to answer questions.



• The Cold War exhibition is attracting visitors (Picture by Stuart Allsopp)



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Disability care services for children rated 'good' by CQC

CARE services for disabled children in Oxfordshire have been graded 'good' by independent watchdog, the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

It gave the Children and Family Care Service, run by Oxfordshire County Council, the CQC's second highest rating across the board.

The service supports 157 children in Oxfordshire with physical and learning disabilities and their families.

Officers inspected the service in August and found them safe, effective, responsive, caring and well managed.

The council's Deputy Director for Children's Social Care, Hannah Farncombe, said: "This is a welcome result and reflects the hard work and energy staff contribute to make a difference to young people across the county that need extra care and attention."

The inspection looked at 138 cases and praised the detailed care plans for each child.

Melinda Tilley, the council's cabinet member for children, education and families, said: "Every child assisted by the service has different needs, and we make sure that staff are supported with specialised training to get the best for each child's needs."

City hosts events for Black History Month

By George Welch

A SERIES of events hosted across Oxford will celebrate achievements in black, Asian and minority ethnic communities during Black History Month and beyond.

The city's two universities – Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University – are organising activities and talks this month and throughout the academic year.

Black History Month sheds light on the often hidden history and heritage of the communities and marks their accomplishments.

A lecture by the mum of murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence, who was killed in a racist attack in South East London in 1993, will be held at Oxford University's Pichette Auditorium in Pembroke College on Thursday, October 20, from 5.30pm until 7pm.

Baroness Doreen Lawrence of Clarendon OBE, a British Jamaican campaigner, co-founded the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust in her son's memory to promote fairness and justice.

Oxford Brookes University has titled a programme of events 'Beyond a Month...'

Pro vice-chancellor Anne-Marie Kilday said: "I am delighted to invite all members of Oxford Brookes and the wider local community to join us in raising awareness across the university and beyond."

Prof Kilday, also chairman of Brookes' race equality charter mark steering group, added: "Celebrating Black History Month gives the university a chance to celebrate the achievements of Black and Minority Ethnic individuals and communities, inspire the next generation and support the university's commitment to maximising the potential of all our staff and students."

Yesterday the founder and director of not-for-profit organisation Operation Black Vote, Simon Woolley, discussed what impact the political events of 2016 could have on communities during an open lecture at the university's Headington campus.

Operation Black Vote aims to address the ethnic minority democratic deficit.



• Actor David Harewood campaigned for Operation Black Vote last year (Picture courtesy of Operation Black Vote)

Film evenings, coffee mornings and cultural and student-led activities are also being held.

On Wednesday, October 26, a short lunchtime film will be piloted showcasing some of the research led by staff at Oxford

Brookes.

For more information about events or to book tickets for Baroness Lawrence's lecture go to www.oxbhm16.eventbrite.co.uk.

Black History Month has been celebrated across the UK every October for over 30 years.

News Bites

Happiness study

OXFORD: Being kind to others may not make people as happy as they might think, according to a study involving Oxford University.

Scientists examined more than 400 studies on links between kindness and happiness. Study leader, Dr Oliver Scott Curry, said: "Our review suggests that performing acts of kindness will not change your life, but might help nudge it in the right direction."

Refugee classes

OXFORD: Refugees and asylum seekers living in Oxford are being given free English language classes.

The first, teaching about 12 people, started yesterday at TheVenue@Cowley in Barns Road. A second for another 12 is planned for early next year.

They are funded by a £10,000 Oxford City Council grant.

Tackling pollution

S OXON: Residents in Watlington, Wallingford and Henley can give their views about plans to cut vehicle emissions in their towns at special drop in exhibitions this month.

They run between 10am and 2pm at Wallingford Town hall this Saturday and on October 22, or at Henley Town Hall on October 29.

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Food festival fun

OXFORD: The inaugural Oxford Food and Drink Festival is being held on Sunday aiming to celebrate and showcase the best food and drink from in and around the city.

The Oxford City Council project, based at Gloucester Green, will see a giant mixing pot tour the city's community centres, inviting residents to bring recipes to share and contribute to Oxford's Mixing Pot and come together to talk about food.

Visit www.oxfoodfest.com for more.

Church theft



APPLEFORD: Police are appealing for information after silverware was stolen from Appleford church.

The items, pictured, were taken from St Peter and St Paul Church between August 21 and September 12.

Contact police on 101, quoting reference number 43160252981.

Mental health in the spotlight at meeting

By George Welch

A FREE public talk by Oxford University scientists and the NHS is being held to help people understand and improve the treatment of mental health problems.

Professors Elizabeth Tunbridge and Daniel Freeman will be discussing the latest developments in mental healthcare

at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Headington today.

At the talk, which is jointly organised by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, the professors will discuss research that might lead to future mental health treatments, rather than the ones currently used.

Questions to be explored include: Is schizophrenia written in our genes? Can psychological therapies cure the sort of delusions seen in schizophrenia? In the future, would doctors test their patients' genes before prescribing personalised treatments for mental health conditions?

Both Prof Freeman and Prof Tunbridge are part of the new National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Oxford Health Biomedical Research Centre (BRC), which has been awarded £12.8 million in funding to help translate latest discoveries into fundamentally new treatments for patients.

The trust and university are collaborating to establish the new centre, one of

only two across the country dedicated to mental health and dementia.

Prof Freeman is a clinical consultant psychologist at the trust and NIHR research professor at Oxford University's department of psychiatry.

He has successfully used personalised psychological therapy, known as the Feeling Safe Programme, to treat serious delusions of persecution found in conditions such as schizophrenia.

Meanwhile, Prof Tunbridge's research also aims to find new and improved therapies by understanding the role of genetics in illnesses such as schizophrenia.

Prof Tunbridge, from the Oxford University department of psychiatry and the NIHR Oxford Health BRC, said: "I believe that understanding these links will help to explain why some people respond to treatments while others do not."

"Ultimately, we hope that this will lead to new and improved therapies."

Her research is investigating the brain mechanisms linking genetic factors with mental health conditions.

The event from 6.30pm to 7.30pm is free to attend, but booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-public-talk-developments-in-mental-health-care-tickets-27325394992 is advised.



• Professor Elizabeth Tunbridge



• Professor Daniel Freeman

Councils look to save £40m with shared contracts

FIVE councils, including two Oxfordshire ones, are on their way to a projected £40 million saving with new contracts.

Under the two shared contracts with Capita and VINCI Facilities, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils, as well as Hart, Havant Borough and Mendip councils have joined forces to provide a range of services.

It is hoped the move will provide better value for money for residents.

The councils' corporate services, including HR, IT and finance, will be provided by Capita, a business process and support company, while facilities management, property services and parking services will be provided by VINCI Facilities.

The nine-year contracts mark the first time a group of councils have looked beyond their immediate neighbours to share services in this way.

The two contracts started in South Oxfordshire and the Vale in August and will be phased in between now and October 2017 for the others.

A joint statement from SODC and the Vale said: "This contract is a huge step for all five councils and marks us out nationally."

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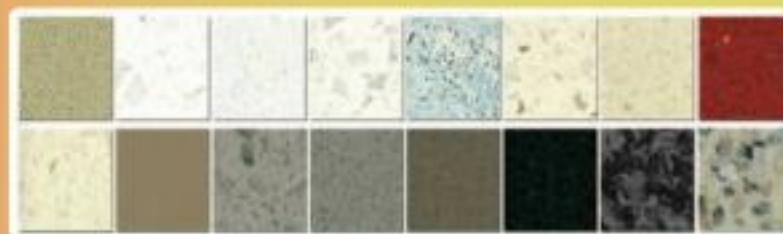
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Hotel set to open in the New Year

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW hotel is set to open its doors in Chipping Norton in January creating dozens of jobs.

The Premier Inn, in Spring Street, is under construction and is due to open early in the New Year.

Up to 30 full and part time jobs will be created.

The scheme was given the green light by planners in summer 2015 and work on the multi-million pound hotel started last autumn.

Premier Inn said it wanted to open a hotel in Chipping Norton to offer more location choice to its customers. It said the chain had been growing nationally due to "strong customer demand".

Stuart Rose, acquisition manager for Premier Inn, said: "We're excited to be opening in Chipping Norton next January and looking forward to making a positive contribution to the town."

"With the investment, new jobs and important re-use of this old site for a brand new hotel, this is a really positive opportunity for the start of 2017."

"Construction is going well and we're full steam ahead towards our opening early next year."

Premier Inn Hotels bought the site - a former ambulance station and a former care home - from Oxfordshire County Council in 2014. A planning application followed to demolish the buildings and replace them with the 72-room hotel, a new access road and 81 parking spaces.

Following consultation with Chipping Norton Town Council, the firm



• The new Premier Inn Hotel, in Chipping Norton, is set to open in January

incorporated an additional new car park for use by the public with access off Spring Street.

The town council had objected to the application on the grounds the design of the hotel was "unsympathetic to the area which is adjoining a conservation area and Spring Street which has considerable historical significance being the original 800-year-old main street

of Chipping Norton".

A further 25 letters opposing the hotel were also received by West Oxfordshire District Council.

Concerns included the scale and design of the new building, impact on parking and traffic, over-development of the site and Chipping Norton was "not a tourist town" and "unlikely to be a destination for many visitors".

Thame Shed looks for a home



• Thame Shed has taken a step forward and is looking for premises

A THAME project aimed at giving people a place to meet and learn new skills has moved to the next stage.

During a holiday in Australia Mike Ashworth was invited to join a 'men's shed', a place where people can meet up and carry out DIY, refurbish items or work on projects.

He now wants to bring the concept to Thame and earlier this month held an open meeting in a bid to get support.

Following the meeting, seven people have expressed an interest and have formed a committee to take the project further.

Mr Ashworth already has the support of Thame Town Council. He said: We had a great meeting of the steering committee and it's moving forward.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm to do this in Thame - it's something Thame hasn't got."

The project will be called Thame Shed and will be open to all of both sexes. The idea is to run a centre where people can learn practical skills or pass skills in a social environment.

Mr Ashworth, who is president of the committee, said the biggest problem was finding a premises.

For more information email thameshed@gmail.com

News Bites

Dog warden award

NOXON: The dog warden service, run by Cherwell District Council, has received its fourth consecutive Gold award from the RSPCA charity.

The RSPCA's Community Animal Welfare Footprint Awards recognise good animal welfare practice across public sector organisations on a bronze, silver and gold grading.

This year, Cherwell received a gold grading in the Stray Dog Footprint category.

Fair fun arrives

BANBURY: The town's annual Michaelmas Fair arrives on Wednesday, October 19, from 4pm, in Horsefair, North Bar, Market Place and Bridge Street.

The historic three-day event will be officially opened when a giant golden key is presented to the town by a member of the Wilson family, which runs the fair.

Cherwell District Council chairman Cllr Chris Heath and Banbury mayor Gordon Ross will then tour the fairground.

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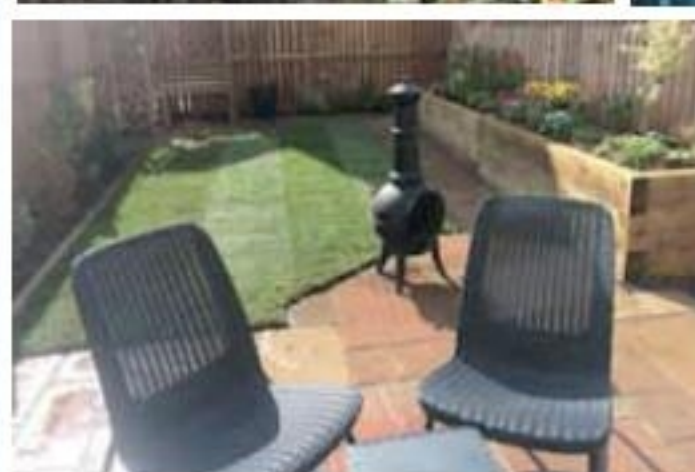
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TO celebrate its new Christmas offering, family theme park, Paultons Park, home of Peppa Pig World is giving away a family ticket to its Christmas at Paultons extravaganza.

After investing more than half a million pounds into its winter wonderland, the theme park has unveiled the magic behind its new look for the festive season, which will include twinkling illuminations, seasonal music and a giant musical Christmas tree.

Families visiting Christmas at Paultons will enjoy Santa's Grotto, as they join a reindeer on his journey to find Santa in time for Christmas Eve. Along the way, children will meet many of the reindeer's animal friends and be greeted by Father Christmas himself at the magical grotto.

After receiving a special present, children can visit the Park's state-of-the-art 4D Show Street Cinema for a screening of the Christmas adventure film, Sleigh Ride, where Blitzen the reindeer and elf Bobo help Santa and save Christmas.

Guests will be entertained with a

Closing date: Friday, November 11

new daily Christmas Show. Adults can enjoy a complimentary hot fruit punch and a seasonal treat whereas children of course receive a free Christmas present. Visitors will also be able to enjoy selected rides and attractions, including Peppa Pig World.

For more details please visit www.paultonspark.co.uk.

Win tickets

To be in with a chance of winning the family tickets just answer the following simple question:

Q: What is Peppa Pig's brother called?

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The prize consists of one day family ticket for two adults and two children. Tickets are valid for the opening weekend ONLY of Christmas at Paultons (Saturday 19 or Sunday 20 November, 2016).

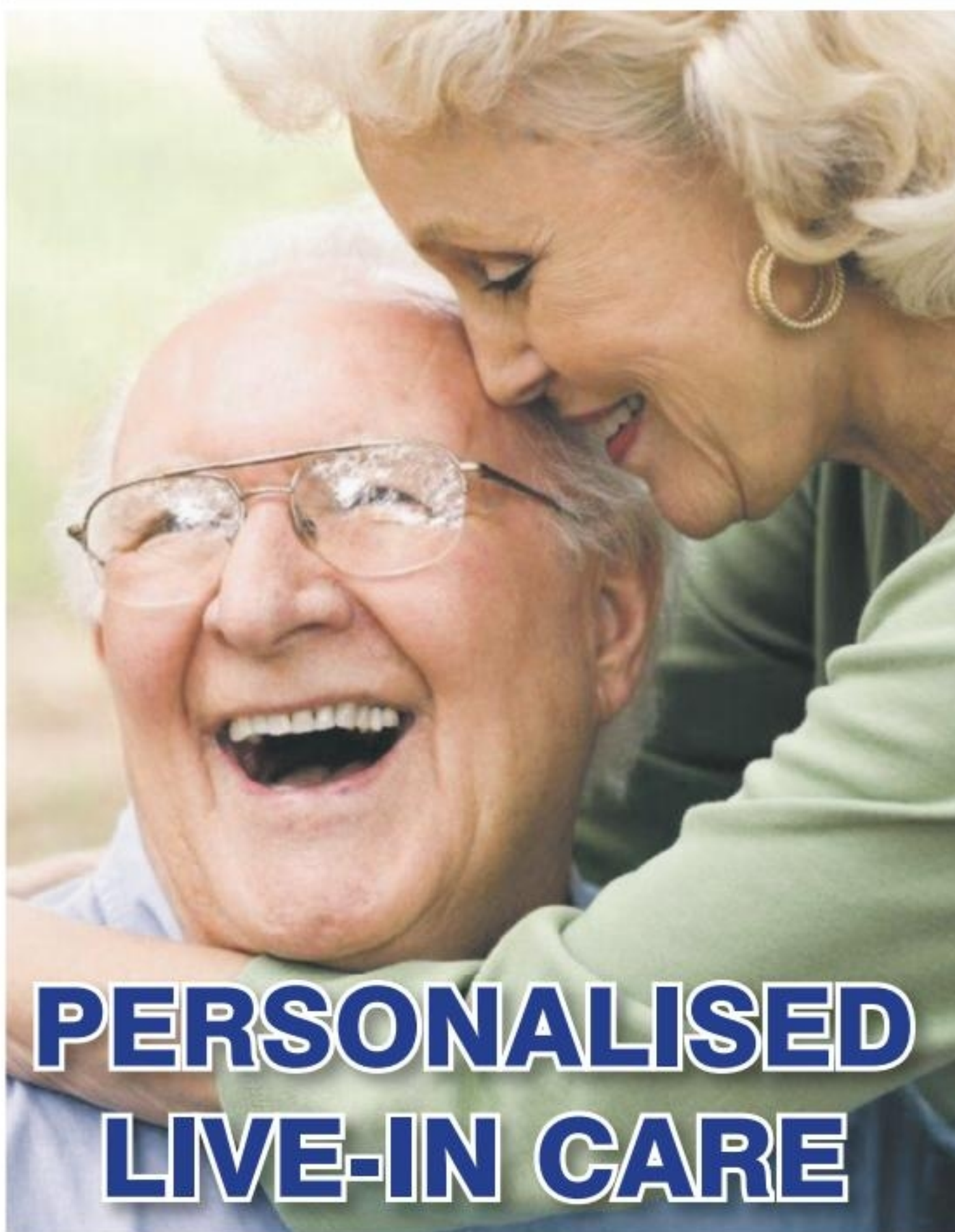
Prizes are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged. A time slot to enter the grotto will be allocated in advance of the visit.

Please note that Lost Kingdom (all rides and attractions), Edge, Cobra, Magma, Go-Karts, Dragon Ride, Digger Ride, Seal Falls, Raging River Ride, Sky Swinger, Water Kingdom and Muddy Puddles will not be open for Christmas at Paultons.



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Quick Clues Across

- 1 Piece of cultivated ground (6)
- 7 One who introduces performers (7)
- 8 Clothing (7)
- 9 Weaving frames (5)
- 10 For a period (9)
- 12 Weight (3)
- 13 On top of (4)
- 15 Of or like fire (7)
- 17 English nobleman (4)
- 19 Open fabric (3)
- 21 Those who are present (9)
- 22 Struck an attitude (5)
- 23 Tell (7)
- 24 Contend (7)
- 25 Type of pea (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Joyous (8)
- 2 Meal (6)
- 3 Personal ornament (7)
- 4 Fragrance (5)
- 5 Make good (6)
- 6 Possessive pronoun (4)
- 7 Secret (11)
- 11 Make dirty (4)
- 13 To be accustomed (4)
- 14 Short film about current events (8)
- 16 Deprive of courage (7)
- 18 Take up again (6)
- 20 Occupier (6)
- 21 Increased (5)
- 22 Choose (4)

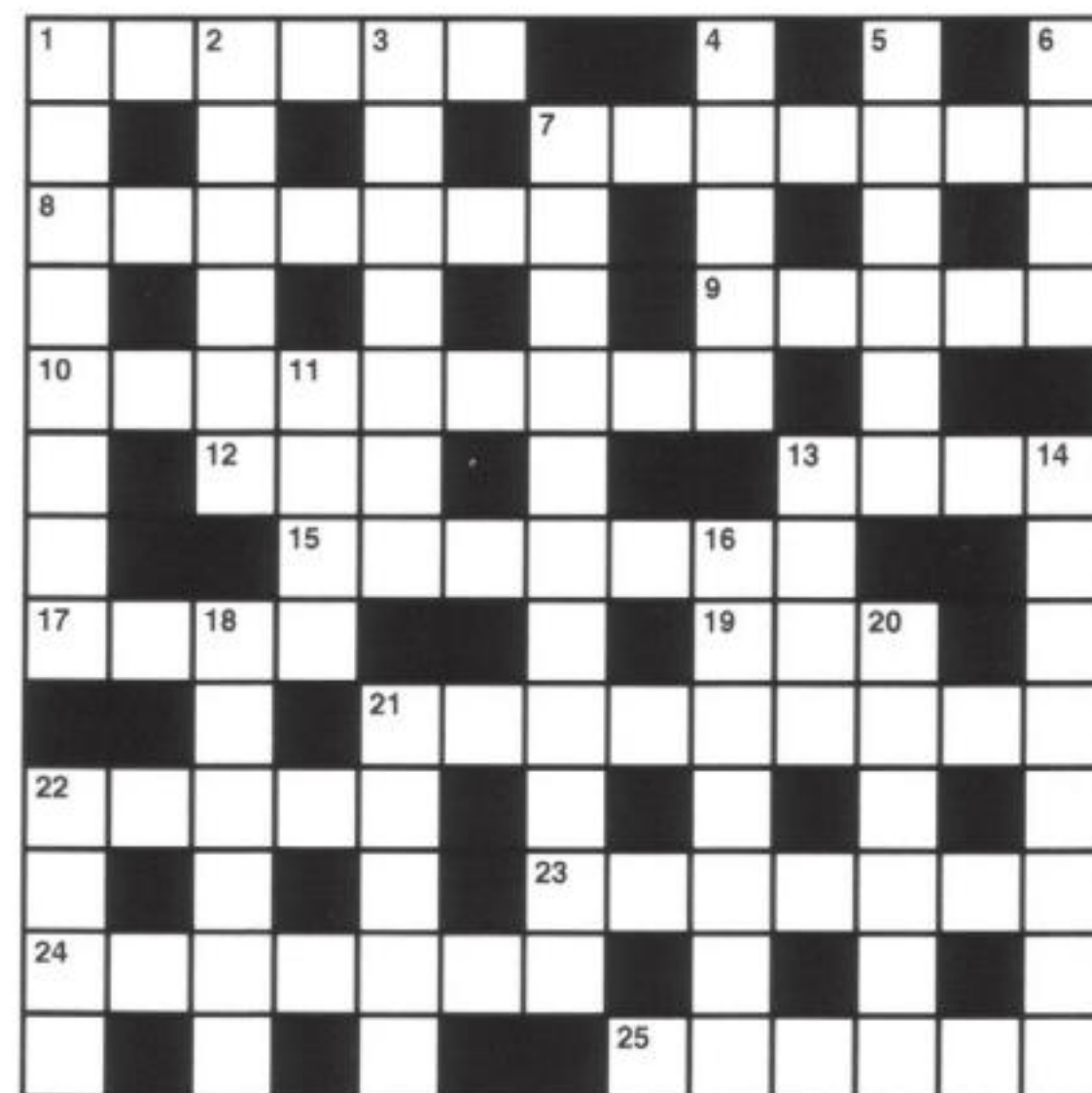
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Cyril's composing songs (6)
- 7 Turns, alas, to spoil the wine (7)
- 8 In time I've come back to turn aside (7)
- 9 Material found in any London store (5)
- 10 Shameless and without make-up (9)
- 12 Before a tune is heard (3)
- 13 Brought up by the baker? (4)
- 15 Progressive loan (7)
- 17 The last thing one does (4)
- 19 Consumed a sound number (3)
- 21 Lessens fashion charges (9)
- 22 The lot, musically (5)
- 23 Act like a snake and cut her (7)
- 24 Against the only comfort? (7)
- 25 Sound sense leads us to a population count (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 But not a suitable mate for the cock (8)
- 2 French dream concerning respect (6)
- 3 Teased in a corny way (7)
- 4 Mind about the right fashion (5)
- 5 But he is not necessarily a suitor (6)
- 6 Grass skirts are not made from this material (4)
- 7 Archie mends his wares (11)
- 11 Periods found in other Asian cultures (4)
- 13 Wager on a Greek letter (4)
- 14 Courses one abandons about the start of the season (8)
- 16 Take care about the bin - it's explosive (7)
- 18 Get in a muddle at table (6)
- 20 Draws the eagle's head, then the chest, a little roughly (6)
- 21 The younger son sounds destined for the pit (5)
- 22 Zig-zag stitch (4)



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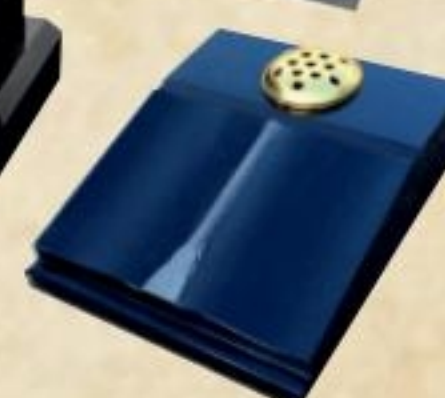
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This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Garden 7 Compare 8 Apparel 9 Looms 10 Seasonal 12 Ton 13 Upon 15 Ignite 17 Earl 19 Net 21 Attenders 22 Piled 23 Narate 24 Compete 25 Lenti
Down: 1 Gladstone 2 Repeat 3 Farring 4 Small 5 Recoup 6 Hers 7 Clarendine 11 Soil 13 Used 14 Newsreel 16 Unnerve 18 Resume 20 Tenant 21 Added 22 Pick
Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Lyrics 7 Marsala 8 Deviate 9 Nylon 10 Barabaced 12 Ere 13 Bred 15 Advance 17 Dies 19 Ate 21 Moderates 22 Tutti 23 Slither 24 Console 25 Census
Down: 1 Ladybird 2 Reverse 3 Chaffed 4 Trend 5 Tailor 6 Lawn 7 Merchandise 11 Eras 13 Beta 14 Desserts 16 Carbine 18 Eating 20 Etches 21 Minor 22 Tack

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To answer the first question. The reason some people find it easy to maintain a healthy body, to achieve and maintain a healthy weight, and others struggle, is simply because we are all different. Every person on the planet has different DNA (this can be tested in relation to fitness and nutrition to unlock the secrets of your genetic makeup, and better inform your training and diet, contact David on details below for information).

We are often led to believe that there's a new diet, a new superfood, diet pill or potion, some secret, which will help us all to get amazing results. They will usually work for a few, but never for everybody.

The other thing about 'diets', is that restricted diets will only give short term results. You can restrict pretty much anything and get some short-term results, calories, protein, fat or carbohydrates, but there are two problems. Firstly, the results are short-term, secondly, they are often unhealthy.

If you want one secret to success in health and fitness, one word which can change results, it is 'MINDSET'. When we try to lose weight, we usually fail, when we try to get fit, we usually fail. These challenges are, like most things in life, a matter of just doing. Once we eliminate the word try, we succeed.

So that sounds simple, but how do we get the right mindset? For some of us, we'll just reach a moment of decision. It is in this moment of decision that our destiny is shaped. When you really make a decision, when you really commit to it, when you have absolute determination, you continue to persevere until you succeed. Up until this point, you 'try' to do something, which almost invariably leads to failure.

If you don't reach this moment of decision by yourself, you can enlist the help of a good coach, somebody trained in the fine art of helping others change their mindset, it's called NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming). Basically it enables you to change the way you think, to go from thinking "I can't do it, I've tried everything and nothing works" to "I will do this, nothing can stop me, I will keep going until I have succeeded".

Once you've got the mindset, the 'how' i.e. the practical steps to health and fitness are reasonably straightforward. Here are the principles:

Nutrition: If it comes from a field or the sea, if it grew out of the ground or had a face, it's food. If it comes from a factory, it's 'food like product'. The first group should form the vast majority of your diet. Vegetables and fruit can be eaten in abundance, plus nuts pulses and wholegrains, and free range meat and wild fish. If you want to change your health and fitness for life, don't 'go on a diet' simply change your diet, to one which will help keep you fit and healthy.

Exercise: Do what you enjoy, and move more every day. The one thing worse than being sedentary, is to go from sedentary to high intensity exercise, then back to sedentary. If you can just bring more activity into each day, that's a start. Warm up thoroughly before working out, and before even starting on your exercise routine, check that you have solid foundations.

Checking for solid foundations is all about injury prevention. The main reason people quit exercise regimes, is because of pain, injury, or both. It really is worth getting a physical assessment (Functional Movement Screening) from an exercise professional before starting.

Once you know your foundation is solid, then build up gradually, do something which you enjoy at some level. We will all have feelings of not enjoying exercise, but it's important that afterwards, you feel glad to have done it, and that you are motivated to keep going. If you simply try to go the gym on a daily basis because you 'should' because you are 'trying to get fit', at some stage, you'll stop.

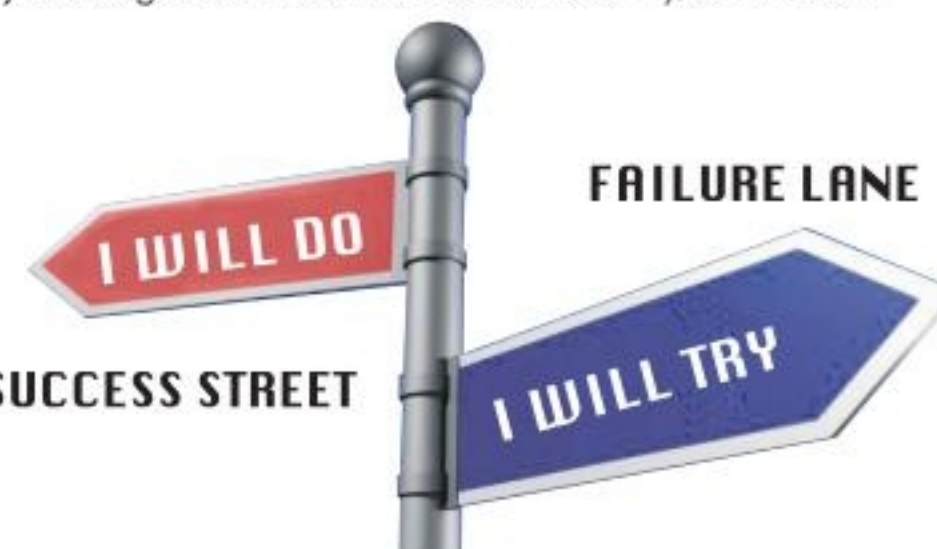
So do you need a personal trainer? Well it depends on what results you want. If you just want to get slightly fitter, you can eat less and walk more, and can do this without a trainer. If you want to reach your ideal body composition, have more energy, look and feel younger, live longer, and enjoy higher quality of life, then probably yes. The important thing is to find a great trainer. A great trainer will take the time to thoroughly assess where your starting point is, they will set realistic expectations to build steadily over a long time, not promising instant results. Most importantly, they will work as much on your psychology, as your physiology (as much on your mind as your body).

Ultimately, whilst we may regard ourselves as being much more than our physical body, our body is the only way for us to exist on this planet, and how we look after it will determine the length, and the quality of our stay. Most of us get away with abusing our bodies or neglecting up until our 30's, from then, the clock is ticking, it's never too late, but the earlier you start, the easier it is, to get your health and fitness back on track.

Many of us are now fitter in our forties than at any previous time in our lives, others are inactive and obese. It all comes down to the 'moment of decision' referred to above.

Are you ready?

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Saturday October 15th

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	Pointless Celebrities, 5.40pm 	The Talented Mr Ripley, 10.30pm 	The Jonathan Ross Show, 10pm 	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, 9pm 	NCIS: New Orleans, 8pm 
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 2.00 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 2.30 Live Cycling: Road World Championships (S) 4.30 Final Score (S) 5.20 BBC News (S) 5.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.40 Pointless Celebrities (S) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing (S)	8.45 FILM Wuthering Heights (1939) (U) (S) 10.25 Laurence Olivier: Talking Pictures (S)(R) 11.00 Lost Land of the Jaguar (S)(R) 12.00 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food (S)(R) 12.30 Great British Menu (S)(R) 2.00 Nature's Wildest Events (S)(R) 3.00 Flog It! (S) 4.00 The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg (S)(R) 5.00 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 6.00 Inside the Commons (S)(R)	6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) 11.20 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 12.15 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.20 Cash Trapped (S)(R) 1.20 The Chase (S)(R) 2.20 Big Star's Little Star (S)(R) 3.20 Pick Me! (S)(R) 4.25 Ninja Warrior UK (S)(R) 5.25 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.40 ITV News (S) 6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars New series. (S)	6.15 Motor Sport: GT Academy (S) 6.40 Yorkshire Marathon (S) 7.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.00 The Morning Line (S) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory (S) 10.55 The Simpsons (S)(R) 11.55 Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms (S) 1.00 Channel 4 Racing Live coverage of British Champions Day at Ascot. (S) 4.45 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun (S) 5.45 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) 6.40 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) 11.05 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 2.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) 4.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) 6.05 NCIS Gibbs sends DiNozzo and Ziva on a decoy mission to retrieve top-secret information from a secure military base, in a bid to expose a spy in NCIS. Guest starring Jude Ciccolella. (S)(R)
7		7.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice (S)(R) 7.30 A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley (S)	7.00 Meet the Parents New series. Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby. (S)	7.00 The Crossrail Discovery: London's Lost Graveyard Documentary. (S)(R)	7.00 NCIS The agents are forced to rely on information from questionable sources as they try to prevent a criminal stealing government secrets. (S)(R)
8	8.25 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion Families answer questions to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion. (S)	8.30 Dad's Army Pike borrows Mainwaring's car. (S)(R)	8.00 The X Factor The live stage of the talent contest continues, as the remaining contestants once again perform in front of judges. (S)	8.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson New series. The historian explores the UK's network of ancient trackways and roads. (S)	8.00 NCIS: New Orleans A petty officer's murder leads Pride to a domestic drugs ring. (S) 8.55 5 News Weekend (S)
9	9.15 Casualty Robyn's plans for the future take an unexpected turn. (S)	9.00 The Secret Life of Sue Townsend (Aged 68 3/4) Profile of the creator of Adrian Mole, with contributions from comedians and writers she inspired. (S)		9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz. (S)	9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Newcastle United v Brentford. (S)
10	10.05 BBC News; Weather (S) 10.25 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)	10.00 Artsnight: When Julie Walters Met Willy Russell (S) 10.30 FILM The Talented Mr Ripley (1999) (15) Anthony Minghella's thriller, with Matt Damon and Jude Law. (S)	10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show The host is joined by QI funnyman Alan Davies, actor and comedian Russell Brand, impressionist Morgana Robinson and the newly reunited Bros. (S)	10.00 FILM Limitless (2011) (15) A failed writer acquires a drug that increases his brain power, but his new abilities attract dangerous attention. Thriller, starring Bradley Cooper. (S)	10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S) 10.30 Britain's Greatest Bridges The story behind the construction of the Forth Rail Bridge. (S)(R)
11	11.50 Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream New series. Romesh Ranganathan connects with his roots in Sri Lanka. (S)		11.05 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.25 FILM Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Ian McShane. (S)		11.25 Ram Raid Britain: Caught on Camera A look at the rise of ram raids. (S)(R)
AFTER 12	12.20 FILM Wedding Daze (2006) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Jason Biggs and Isla Fisher. (S) 1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.55 BBC News (S)	12.45 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation (S)(R) 1.45 FILM X the Unknown (1956) (PG) Hammer sci-fi horror, starring Dean Jagger. (S) 3.00 This Is BBC Two (S)	1.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen	12.05 FILM Starred Up (2013) (18) Prison drama, starring Jack O'Connell. (S) 2.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 2.55 Hollyoaks (S)(R) 4.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) 5.50 The King of Queens (S)(R)	12.15 SuperCasino 3.05 FILM You Don't Mess with the Zohan (2008) (12) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. (S) 4.50 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.15 Nick's Quest (R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale 8.25 Coronation Street 10.50 Celebrity Catchphrase 11.50 Ninja Warrior UK 12.50 You've Been Framed! Gold 1.50 FILM: Paranoia (2013) (12) 2.50 FYI Daily 2.55 FILM: Paranoia (2013) (12) Concluded. 4.00 FILM: The Flintstones (1994) (U) Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman. 5.00 FYI Daily 5.05 FILM: The Flintstones (1994) (U) Concluded. 5.45 FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Emma Thompson. 6.50 FYI Daily 6.55 FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) Concluded. 7.55 FILM: The Mask (1994) (PG) Comic-book comedy, starring Jim Carrey. 8.55 FYI Daily 9.00 FILM: The Mask (1994) (PG) Concluded. 10.00 The Xtra Factor Live 10.30 Celebrity Juice 11.15 Family Guy 12.35 American Dad! 1.05 FILM: American Pie Presents: The Naked Mile (2006) (15) 2.05 FYI Daily 2.10 FILM: American Pie Presents: The Naked Mile (2006) (15) 3.00 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now 6.10 Doctor at Large 7.00 Judge Judy 7.25 Where the Heart Is 9.30 FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience (1971) (PG) 10.30 FYI Daily 10.35 FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience (1971) (PG) 11.20 FILM: Columbo: Suitable for Framing (1971) (PG) 1.00 Rosemary & Thyme 2.00 Midsomer Murders 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Lewis 1.05 You're Only Young Twice 1.55 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Lost Kingdoms of South America 8.00 The Incredible Human Journey 9.00 FILM: The Keeper of Lost Causes (2013) (15) Premiere. Murder mystery, starring Nikolaj Lie Kaas. 10.30 Sweet Home Alabama: The Southern Rock Saga 11.30 Southern Rock at the BBC 12.30 Top of the Pops: 1982 1.30 Sweet Home Alabama: The Southern Rock Saga 2.30 Southern Rock at the BBC 3.30 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 The Mindy Project 6.40 Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza 9.05 Made in Chelsea 10.10 New Girl 11.05 How I Met Your Mother 12.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 1.00 FILM: Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) (U) 2.45 Rude(ish) Tube Short 3.00 The Goldbergs 4.00 The Big Bang Theory: Raj Rules 9.00 FILM: Paul (2011) (15) Sci-fi

comedy, with Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. **11.05 Gogglebox: Celebrity Special for SU2C 12.25 The Inbetweeners 1.35 Rude Tube 2.35 Gogglebox: Celebrity Special for SU2C 3.45 How I Met Your Mother 4.25 Revenge 5.10 Rude(ish) Tube**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 River Cottage Bites 9.25 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals 9.50 My Floating Home 10.55 Tiny House Nation 11.55 Come Dine with Me 2.35 Four in a Bed 5.15 Come Dine with Me 8.00 Hitler: The Rise and Fall 9.00 Tony Robinson: Down Under 10.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.10 Tony Robinson: Down Under 2.15 Love Child 3.20 8 Out of 10 Cats 4.00 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012) (U) Family comedy sequel, starring Zachary Gordon. 1.00 Vice Versa (1988) (PG) 2.55 Gulliver's Travels (2010) (PG) Fantasy comedy, starring Jack Black. 4.35 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) (U) Puppet adventure, with the voice of Shane Rimmer. 6.25 Battleship (2012) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Taylor Kitsch. 9.00 Red (2010) (12) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. 11.15 The Divide (2011) (18) Post-apocalyptic thriller, starring Lauren German. 1.30 This Means War (2012) (12) 3.30 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Sin City Motors 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 American Pickers 11.00 Deadliest Pests Down Under 12.00 Top Gear 1.00 Storage Hunters UK 2.00 Storage Hunters 4.00 Storage Hunters UK: Celebrity Special 5.00 Top Gear 6.00 Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit 7.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 9.00 QI XL 10.00 Red Dwarf 10.40 Zapped 11.20 Russell Howard's Good News 12.00 FILM: Big Trouble in Little China (1986) (15) 2.00 Would I Lie to You? - The Unseen Bits 2.35 QI XL 3.25 Red Dwarf 4.00 Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky 11.00 Sharpe 1.00 The Last Detective 4.00 Pie in the Sky 7.00 Father Brown 8.00 Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Rebus 10.30 Waking the Dead 12.55 The Wind in the Willows 2.55 The Paradise 4.00 Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Monkey Life 7.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street

Crew 8.00 Game Changers 8.30 Premier League World 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club 10.00 Soccer AM 11.30 Football's Funniest Moments 12.30 Futurama 3.00 Modern Family 5.30 David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive 7.00 The Simpsons 8.00 Landscape Artist of the Year 2016 9.00 Mount Pleasant 10.00 Stan Lee's Lucky Man 11.00 A League of Their Own 12.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 1.00 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammies 2.00 The Last Ship 3.10 Entourage to Declare 4.00 UK Border Force 5.00 Stargate SG-1

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer 7.00 Urban Secrets 8.00 Without a Trace 11.00 David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 12.00 Cold Case 4.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.30 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 12.05 The Sopranos 1.20 Without a Trace 2.15 Cold Case 3.10 Entourage 4.10 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer 5.05 Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build 7.50 Traffic Cops 8.20 The Bill 1.30 EastEnders 4.00 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition 5.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build 7.00 Outnumbered 9.00 Jonathan Creek 10.10 Luther 11.30 Secrets and Lies 12.30 Derren Brown: Trick or Treat 1.25 Being Human USA 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Creature Comforts 7.10 I Dream of Jeannie 7.35 Bewitched 8.00 Blandings 8.40 Lovejoy 12.30 Only Fools and Horses 5.00 Open All Hours 5.40 Only Fools and Horses 9.00 Bottom 11.00 Bridget & Eamon 12.1 Inside No 9 12.50 Knowing Me, Knowing You - With Alan Partridge 1.30 Bellamy's People 2.05 The Thick of It 2.40 Stella Street 2.55 Early Doors 3.25 Rex the Runt 4.00 Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Years 8.00 Game Changers 8.30 Premier League Preview 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club 10.00 Soccer AM 11.30 Live Premier League. Chelsea v Leicester City (kick-off 12.30pm). 3.00 Gillette Soccer Saturday 5.15 Live EFL. Aston Villa v Wolverhampton Wanderers (kick-off 5.30pm). 8.00 EFL Goals 8.30 Nissan Game of the Day 10.30 Nissan Match Choice 11.30 Premier League Highlights 2.30 EFL Goals 3.00 Premier League Highlights

Sunday October 16th

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	Poldark, 9pm 	Wild West: America's Great Frontier, 9pm 	The Chase Celebrity Special, 7pm 	Child Genius vs Celebrities: SU2C Special, 8pm 	Ice Road Truckers, 8.05pm 
DAYTIME	11.00 Sunday Politics (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 1.45 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 2.30 Points of View (S) 2.45 The Great British Bake Off (S)(R) 3.45 Books that Made Britain (S) 4.15 Songs of Praise (S) 4.50 Animal Babies (S) 5.50 BBC News (S) 6.05 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.15 Countryfile (S)	7.00 Glorious Gardens from Above (S)(R) 7.45 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 8.45 Countryfile (S)(R) 9.40 The Beechgrove Garden (S) 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.45 Food & Drink (S)(R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 Great British Menu (S)(R) 2.30 Live Cycling: Road World Championships (S) 5.00 Flog It! (S) 6.00 Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants - Natural World (S)(R)	6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School (S) 10.00 Peston on Sunday (S) 11.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy (S)(R) 11.30 Chopping Block (S)(R) 12.30 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.40 The X Factor (S)(R) 2.35 Victoria (S)(R) 3.40 Midsomer Murders (S)(R) 5.40 Doc Martin (S)(R) 6.35 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.45 ITV News (S)	6.15 Mobil 1 The Grid (S) 6.40 Motorcycle Racing: Mondello Masters (S) 7.35 Frasier (S)(R) 8.25 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (S) 9.30 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast (S)(R) 1.30 FILM The Rescuers (1977) (U) (S) 3.05 The Simpsons (S)(R) 4.30 FILM The Golden Compass (2007) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Dakota Blue Richards. (S) 6.35 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 8.35 Football on 5: The Championship (S)(R) 9.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) 10.00 The Great Birmingham Run 2016 (S) 12.00 The Gadget Show (S)(R) 12.55 The Hotel Inspector (S)(R) 2.50 FILM Big Momma's House (2000) (12) Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence and Nia Long. (S) 4.35 FILM Mr Deeds (2002) (12) (S) 6.20 Now That's Funny! (S)
7	7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results A third couple is eliminated from the competition. (S)	7.00 Inside Obama's White House Four-part series giving an account of Barack Obama's successes and failures. (S)(R)	7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special Susie Dent, Anthony Crolla, Ellie Taylor and Harry Redknapp work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser. (S)	7.00 Posh Pawn A collection of Iranian jewellery is brought in to the shop, and Claudia examines a handbag that once belonged to Sharon Osbourne. (S)	7.10 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vega A performer demonstrates why you should not steal from a magician. Last in the series. (S)
8	8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Baddesley Clinton, a moated manor house near Birmingham. (S)	8.00 The Greatest Tomb On Earth: Secrets of Ancient China Dan Snow, Alice Roberts and Albert Lin explore the resting place of China's first emperor. (S)	8.00 The X Factor The results of Saturday's live show are announced. (S)	8.00 Child Genius vs Celebrities: SU2C Special Richard Osman hosts a quiz show in which four gifted youngsters take on celebrities. (S)	8.05 Ice Road Truckers Todd runs into trouble when he and Darre Ward hit a newly opened trail. (S)
9	9.00 Poldark Dwight prepares to elope with Caroline, but his plans are jeopardised when he is needed to treat Rosina's leg, and also discovers that Ross is walking into a trap. (S)	9.00 Wild West: America's Great Frontier Wildlife in America's mountain regions, including the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada. (S)	9.00 Tutankhamun New series. Drama about the discovery of the Pharaoh's tomb in 1905 by archaeologist Howard Carter, whose dig is jeopardised by global events. (S)	9.00 The Crystal Maze SU2C Celebrity Special Stephen Merchant hosts a one-off revival of the game show. (S)	8.55 5 News Weekend (S)
10	10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.30 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Extended edition. Stephen Mangan hosts. (S)	10.00 Mock the Week (S)(R) 10.35 FILM Borrowed Time (2012) (15) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Philip Davis and Theo Barklem-Biggs. (S)	10.05 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.20 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (S)(R)	10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)	9.00 FILM Divergent (2014) (12) Premiere. Sci-fi adventure, starring Shailene Woodley and Kate Winslet. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm. (S)
11	11.10 FILM Midnight's Children (2012) (12) Drama based on Salman Rushdie's novel, starring Satya Bhabha and Siddharth. (S)	12.00 FILM The Magdalene Sisters (2002) (15) Drama, starring Geraldine McEwan. (S) 1.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 2.50 Holby City (S)(R) 3.45 This Is BBC Two (S)	11.20 Murder, She Wrote A motorcyclist runs into danger in Japan. (S)(R)	11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz. (S)(R)	11.45 FILM Dead Man Down (2013) (15) Premiere. Crime thriller, with Colin Farrell and Noomi Rapace. (S)
AFTER 12	1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.30 BBC News (S)		12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)	12.10 FILM Stoker (2013) (18) (S) 1.50 Grand Designs Australia (S)(R) 2.50 The Tiny Tots Talent Agency (S)(R) 3.45 Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) 4.05 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) 5.05 Location, Location, Location (S)(R)	1.50 SuperCasino 3.10 Raw Recruits: Squaddies at 16 (S)(R) 4.00 Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) 4.50 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.15 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Emmerdale **9.00** The X Factor **11.00** Coronation Street **1.20** Catchphrase **2.05** You've Been Framed! **2.35** I'm a Celeb: Epic Trials **3.35** FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45** FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) **5.25** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) **Concluded. 9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.50** The Cleveland Show **1.20** Dating in the Dark **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Doctor at Large **7.00** Where the Heart Is **8.25** Heartbeat **10.30** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **12.35** Lewis **2.35** FILM: Columbo: Double Shock (1973) (U) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Martin Landau. **4.05** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) **6.00** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Rising Damp Forever **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.05** Lewis **2.00** The Kindness of Strangers **3.15** May the Best House Win **4.55** You're Only Young Twice **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Mozart in Prague: Rolando Villazon on Don Giovanni **8.00** Len Goodman's Dance Band Days **9.00** BBC: The Secret Files 2 **10.00** Storyville: Moazzam Begg - Living the War on Terror **11.25** Horizon: Is Seeing Believing? **12.25** Light and Dark **1.25** Mechanical Marvels: Clockwork Dreams **2.25** Dissected: The Incredible Human Foot **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Stage School **8.30** Baby Daddy **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** Made in Chelsea **1.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** FILM: Stuart Little (1999) (U) Comedy adventure, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **4.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** FILM: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo. **7.50** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday. The gang takes on Stuart. **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.10** The Big Bang Theory **2.05** Body Fixers **2.55** Rude(ish) Tube **3.15** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **9.25** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.50** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms **10.55** Homes by the Sea **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The World's Weirdest Weather **9.00** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **10.00** Father Ted **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **1.15** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast **2.20** Love Child **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Lifeboat (1944) (PG) **1.00** Bandslam (2009) (PG) **3.10** The House of Magic (2013) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Murray Blue. **4.50** Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) (PG) Stop-motion animated adventure, with the voice of George Clooney. **6.35** Vertical Limit (2000) (12) Action adventure, starring Chris O'Donnell. **9.00** The A-Team (2010) (12) Action adventure, starring Liam Neeson. **11.20** Red Lights (2012) (15) Thriller, starring Cillian Murphy. **1.35** The Boss, Anatomy of a Crime (2015) (18) **3.40** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Top Gear Botswana Special **10.00** Top Gear **11.00** Jay Leno's Garage **12.00** Storage Hunters UK **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** American Pickers **5.00** Top Gear **6.00** Top Gear Botswana Special **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Crackanory **12.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.10** Qi **2.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.10** Red Dwarf **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.15 The Bill **11.15** Bleak House **3.00** Catherine Cookson's Colour Blind **6.00** The Two Ronnies **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.05** The Green Green Grass **1.00** The Turn of the Screw **2.50** The Paradise **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Life **8.30** Futurama **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **1.00** Four Weddings **2.00** Don't Tell the Bride **3.00** 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammies **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **6.30** Yonderland **7.00** The Simpsons **9.00** Carpool Karaoke **10.00** The Force: Essex **11.00** Ross Kemp's

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SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **7.00** Urban Secrets **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants **2.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** Westworld **10.10** Divorce **10.45** The Night Of **11.50** Homegrown: The Counter-Terror Dilemma **1.35** The Sopranos **2.40** Aquarius **4.20** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **5.10** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **6.10** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** Traffic Cops **8.30** EastEnders **11.00** Judge Faith **1.00** My Dream Home **2.00** Doctor Who **4.00** The Science of Doctor Who **5.00** Outnumbered **7.00** Beauty and the Beast **8.00** I've Got Something to Tell You **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Lenny Henry **10.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** Code Black **1.45** Being Human USA **2.30** Cops Uncut **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Creature Comforts **7.10** I Dream of Jeannie **7.35** Bewitched **8.00** Blandings **8.40** Lovejoy **11.05** FILM: Watch Your Stern (1960) (PG) **12.50** Only Fools and Horses **8.55** FILM: Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949) (U) Ealing black comedy, starring Alec Guinness. **11.00** FILM: The Blues Brothers (1980) (15) Comedy, starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd. **1.40** House of Fools **2.25** Stella Street **2.40** Human Remains **3.20** The Armando Iannucci Shows **3.48** Rex the Runt **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Southampton v Burnley (kick-off 4.00pm). **6.30** Out of Contract **7.30** Spanish Football Gold **7.45** Live La Liga Football. **9.40** Great Sporting Moments **10.00** Premier League Highlights **11.00** Goals on Sunday **12.00** Premier League Highlights **1.00** Premier League Legends **2.00** Premier League Years **4.00** Football's Greatest Players **4.30** Football's Greatest Teams **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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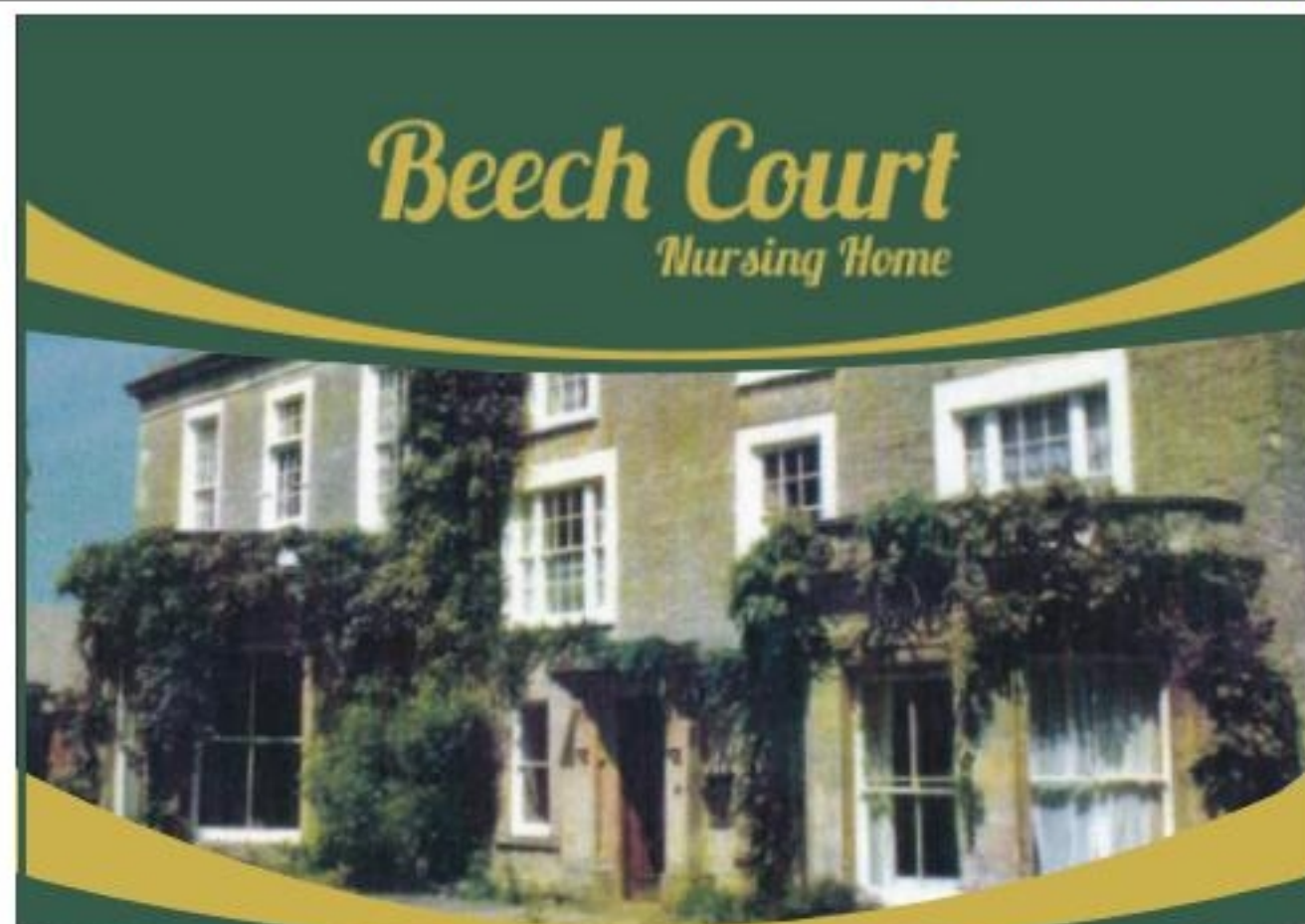


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The Power of Love

By James Richings

CELINE Dion is one of the world's most successful and iconic singers.

With a career spanning more than 30 years, sell-out tours in the biggest concert halls, and number one singles and albums all over the world, she qualifies for a tribute show.

To celebrate the 48-year-old's living legacy, 'The Power of Love – the music of Celine Dion' will arrive at the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Thursday, October 20.

Singer Eloise Gray will showcase some of her most recognisable tracks including, 'Think Twice', 'Tell Him' and, of course, 'My Heart Will Go On'.

Producer Phil Hawkins said: "Everyone will hear some amazing vocals, see some incredible dancers, smile, sing along, clap their hands, and escape the nine to five for a couple of hours."

"Being visibly able to see the pleasure you bring people is a performer's privilege, it's one of the best things about this industry."

By the end of this month, the show will have been performed 21 times across the country from Barnstaple to York.

Phil, who has also produced past shows hosted at the Cornerstone,



• Eloise Gray will be performing as Celine Dion

added: "It is always an honour to see an idea come to life."

He also shared some advice for budding producers: "I would say, be humble, work hard, and remember it's a job not a hobby. I have had the

privilege of performing with some legends in my time and undoubtedly for me, when I sang with Elton John is something I won't forget in a hurry."

Tickets cost £18 and the show will start at 8pm.

50% More Likely To Die

AUSTRALIAN comedian Felicity Ward has made it no secret that she has suffered with anxiety and depression.

But she has managed to grapple with her demons by writing a show about them.

'50% More Likely To Die' will be performed at Oxford's Glee Club tomorrow (Friday).

"50% More Likely To Die is a statistic about people with anxiety and depression, and I have both," she told the Guardian.

"I thought that it would be a funny name for a show if the poster was of me looking really happy and care-free. I'm not sure if that's the case, but it's gone to the printers now!"

Felicity is a household name in her native Australia, but cropping up in the second Inbetweeners film gave Felicity a break in the British comedy industry.

"I was rudely awakened to how late 'funny' came to me by my family," Felicity said.

"We were filming for a documentary in Australia and the director casually asked, 'so, was Felicity always funny?'"

"Without conspiring, or even making eye contact they continued buttering their Boston Buns, and in

unison declared 'no.'

"And then I sat there questioning everything I've ever known."

The show starts at 8pm.

She added: "Expect an outfit is louder in colour than most might enjoy, and a personality which is likened to a small dog who's been told they're about to go 'walkies'."

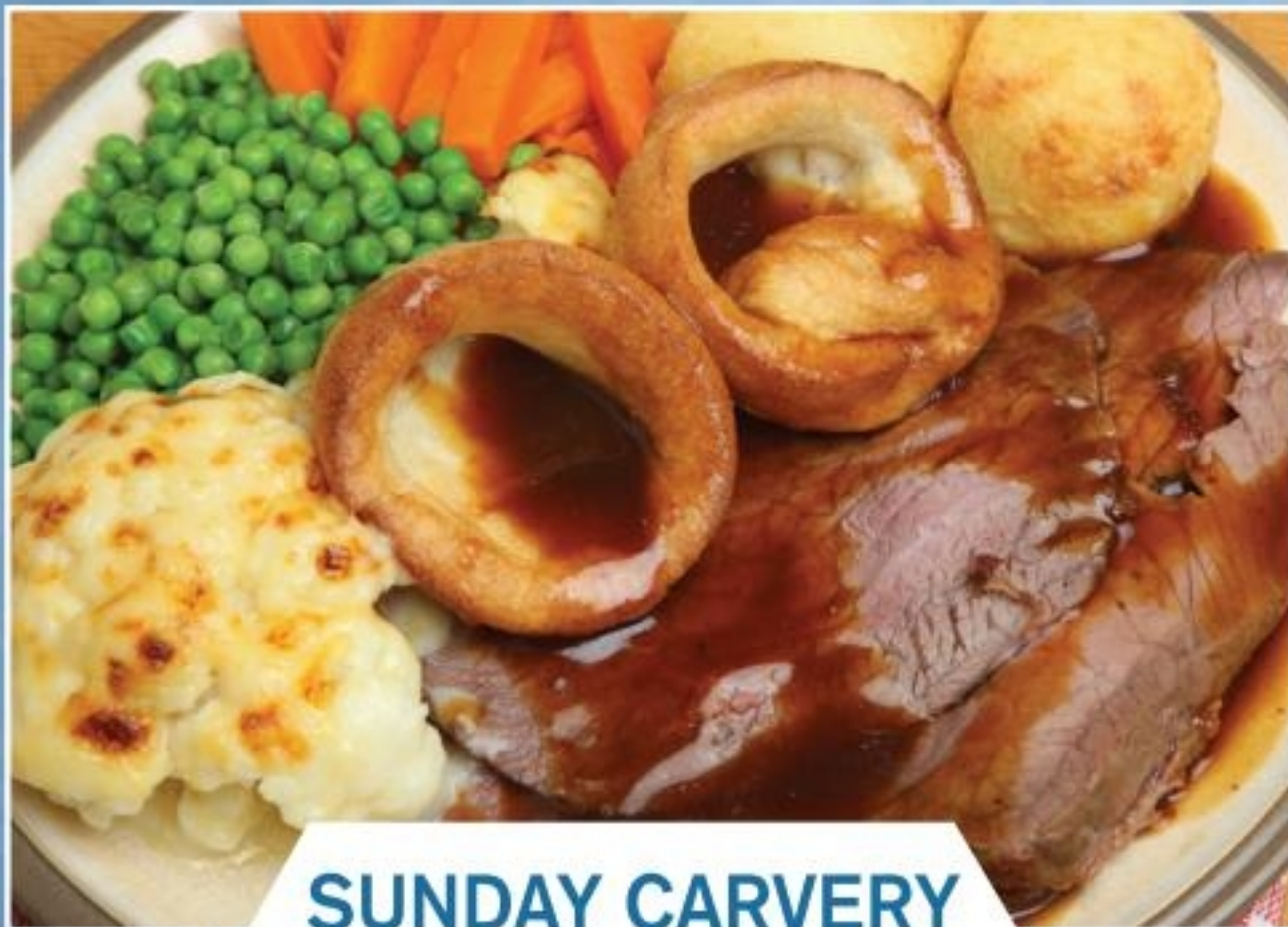


• Felicity Ward
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A Shakespearian storm

By James Richings

ALL the upheaval of 'The Tempest' will arrive at Wallingford's Corn Exchange next week.

The theatre's volunteer acting group the Sinodun Players will be tackling themes including power, retribution, and politics as part of the long lasting legacy of one of Shakespeare's last plays.

Director Paul Cleverley is expecting a full-house.

"I have overall responsibility for the whole show, the buck stops here. So I am extremely excited about the show being staged at the Corn Exchange," he said.

"It's the 400th anniversary year of Shakespeare's death and *The Tempest* was the last play that we know he wrote solely by himself.

"It is beautiful, lyrical, funny and profound and gives huge scope to all the very creative volunteers at the Sinodun Players to excel themselves."

The story follows the journey of Alonso the king of Naples, who is returning from his daughter's wedding in Tunis with his son Ferdinand, brother Sebastian, Antonio, the Duke of Milan, and old Milanese courtier Gonzalo.

Their ship is wrecked in a storm throwing them into the furious sea

before they are washed up on the shores of an island.

The tempest is overseen by Prospero who reveals to his 15-year-old daughter Miranda that the reason they are on the island is because 12 years previously his brother Antonio had overthrown him as Duke of Milan.

They escaped in a small boat with his library of books about magic.

"There are many things one can say *The Tempest* is about," Paul added.

"On the surface it's a simple story about a storm and a shipwreck; it's also about betrayal, forgiveness, love and it

can - and hopefully will - be enjoyed at those levels.

"Going deeper we see it's about the psychology of a human being in all our mad inconsistencies but how ultimately we seek reconciliation and mutual understanding from our fellow human beings."

The show is the Sinodun Players' annual production, following on from 'The Cherry Orchard' last year.

Performances run from Wednesday, October 19, until Saturday October 22.

The shows start at 7.45pm and tickets cost £10.



• Nick Quartley and Lauren Carter as Prospero and Miranda in 'The Tempest'

Comedy in the socialist Red Shed

WHEN Didcot's Cornerstone Arts Centre opened in 2008, comedian Mark Thomas was one of the first to visit.

The 53-year-old, has not forgotten his debut Didcot show and tries to return on every tour.

His newest show is no exception. 'The Red Shed' will be arriving in town on Friday, October 21.

But Mark revealed the production is not quite like his regular stand-up.

"Anyone who has seen my shows 'Bravo Figaro' or 'Cuckooed' will know that they are a mix of theatre and stand up," he said.

"This show is set in the Red Shed - a Socialist shed in Wakefield - and it is about how my mates try and help me find a memory.

"It is a play or a monologue depending on your point of view, but it is funny and original as it has won awards and all that."

A self-confessed 'accidental journalist', Mark's main breakthrough came in the late 1980s on Channel 4 comedy show, 'Friday Night Live'.

The appearance paved the way for more TV work and his own show 'The Mark Thomas Comedy Product', with Mark using eccentric guest interview techniques whilst discussing politics within his stand-up act.

The program was on air for six

series between 1996 and 2002, but Mark has since moved from screen to stage.

"There are a few differences to this show and my previous one as this one won loads of prizes," he told the Guardian.

He added: "And when you perform to an audience, you have to do the gags you want to do."

"Don't do the ones that you think the audience want."

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• Mark Thomas

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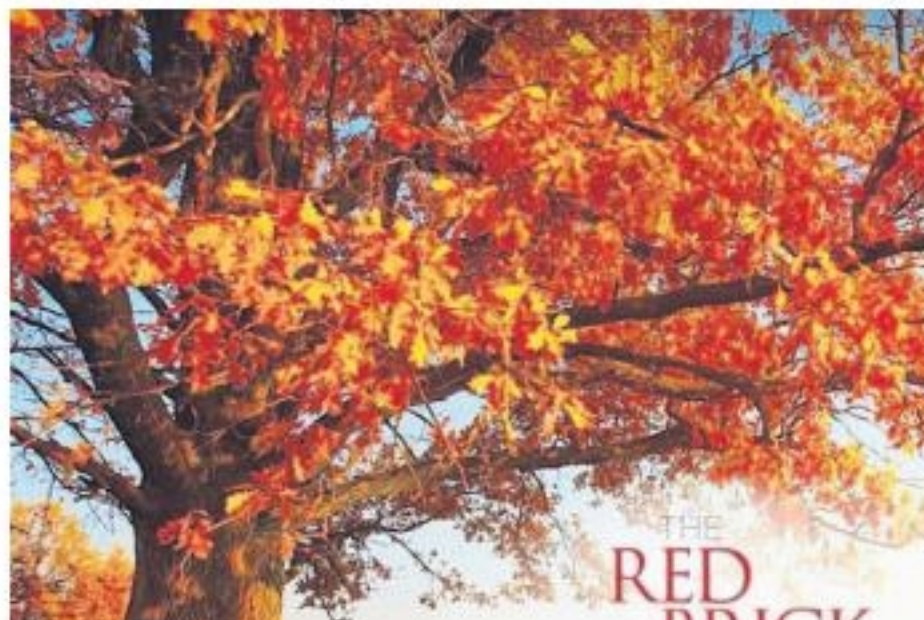
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Malthouse Cottages, Byfield Road **£325,000**

EPC Rating: C
Village Location
Three Bedroom
Cottage
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£ SHILTON PARK **£200,000**



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CARTERTON **£267,500**



Tucked away in this cul de sac close to Carterton town centre we find this stunning two bedroom semi detached home. EPC Rating AWAITED.

SHILTON PARK **£298,000**



Three bedroom end of terrace home on the edge of the popular Shilton Park development. With garage and private parking. EPC Rating AWAITED.

SHILTON PARK **£330,000**



A beautifully presented detached family home tucked away on the popular Shilton Park development. EPC Rating AWAITED.

CARTERTON **£460,000**



Larger than average detached bungalow with the added bonus of a one bedroom annex. Located in a popular Road close to all local amenities. EPC Rating AWAITED

FAIRFORD **£524,995**



Brand new development located on the edge of Fairford, Gloucestershire. A 5 bedroom home with open plan kitchen with family area. EPC Exempt.

SHILTON PARK **£540,000**



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Abingdon Road **£400,000**

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A THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOME. Located in the very sought after popular location of Standlake. This very well presented property boasts 3 bedroom, spacious kitchen, a car port for 2 cars.

Stonesfield **£300,000**

Connells are delighted to offer this fantastic three bedroom family home in Stonesfield. This property boasts off road parking, a rear garden and garage. NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D.

Wenrisc Drive **£365,000**

A Three bedroom family home located in the very sought after location of Minster Lovell. This very well presented property boasts a private rear garden, garage and parking. A fantastic opportunity to purchase this very well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached family home in the very sought after location of Minster Lovell.

Witney **£375,000**

ATTENTION PROPERTY DEVELOPERS!



ATTENTION TO PROPERTY DEVELOPERS! Unique opportunity to purchase this extended link detached house on a corner plot close to Witney town centre. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of this extended property and the scope for further improvement and development.

Witney **£325,000**

A fantastic three bedroom cottage, located within a short walking distance from the Witney town centre. This family home has both character and modern features throughout. EPC Rating E.

Madley Park, Witney **£325,000**

A very well presented three bedroom semi-detached home. Located on the sought after development of Madley Park, this well presented property boasts a private rear garden, garage and parking. EPC Rating B.

High Street **O.I.E £180,000**

****NO CHAIN**** A ground floor flat in Witney town centre, this is one of only nine purpose built apartments set back off the high street. The property offers an open plan kitchen/lounge, bedroom and a shower room. Outside the property is a rear communal garden area and off street parking for one car

Standlake **OIEO £490,000**

This attractive home offers four bedrooms, a kitchen/diner, lounge and two bathrooms. Outside there is a spectacular rear garden which backs on the river Windrush. The property is located in the popular village Standlake, which is situated approximately 5 miles from the market town of Witney. EPC Rating D

Thorney Leys **£285,000**

ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS



SUMMARY A fantastic opportunity to purchase this well presented three bedroom terraced property, over three levels on the popular Thorney Leys development. Internally the property offers a living room, very spacious kitchen/diner, three bedrooms with two family bathrooms.

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OXFORD

Sandford On Thames


£450,000


A BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE set in a peaceful location within the village of Sandford On Thames. It boasts two bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor with lounge, separate dining room plus newly fitted kitchen to the ground floor. Character features throughout.

EPC Rating: Awaited

Cowley


£385,000


A Sizable Bay Fronted EXTENDED Semi Detached Which Is In Good Order Throughout. Lounge Through To A Defined Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room & Conservatory, Upstairs White Bathroom, & 3 Bedrooms. Good Sized Family Home.

EPC Rating: E

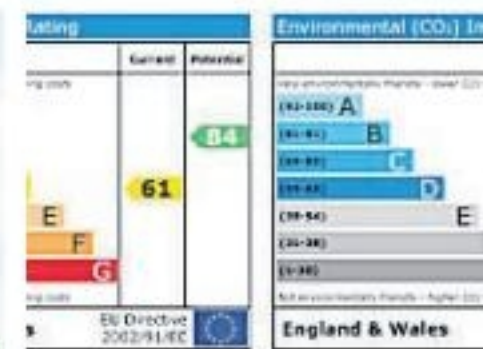
East Oxford


£380,000


Charming VICTORIAN terrace in a sought after location. The property has undergone refurbishment, offering a well presented internal finish and great access to local amenities. Ideal for investment or a great home in an excellent location.

EPC Rating: D

Cowley/Headington


£350,000


DETACHED house located on the Cowley/Headington borders, within walking distance to the BMW plant. Three bedrooms and two reception rooms. Front and rear gardens plus driveway. NO ONWARD CHAIN. Call Connells to book your viewing 01865 748448.

EPC Rating: D

Cowley


£325,000


This property offers investors a good rental return as it currently has FOUR LETTING ROOMS plus a communal lounge, kitchen and dining area. In good order throughout plus double glazed and gas central heating. The house is located within walking distance to a parade of local shops and bus stop with a regular service to and from Oxford City.

EPC Rating: E

Greater Leys


£300,000


Semi Detached House Offering Vacant Possession. THREE BEDROOMS upstairs with two separate reception rooms to the ground floor plus cloakroom. Outside has enclosed rear garden with garage (currently converted) and own driveway. Double glazed & gas central heated.

EPC Rating: D

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Blackbird Leys


£265,000


This THREE BEDROOM family home does need general decorative updating but is mostly double glazed and fully gas central heated. Our vendor will accept an offer from a suitable buyer to secure his onward purchase which is vacant...!! Call to book your viewing on 01865 748448 to see this property.

EPC Rating: C

Rose Hill


Offers in Excess £275,000


This WELL PRESENTED modern TWO bedroom property is situated within the ring road. Built in 2009 and is still in a very good condition making it an ideal purchase for first time buyers or investors looking to move straight in without having to do any work.

EPC Rating: C

Greater Leys


£275,000


Built by WESTBURY HOMES is this well presented 2 bedroom terraced property being an ideal first time buy. Garage with parking for 2. Both bedrooms benefit from built in wardrobes. White bathroom suite. Located in the desirable close in Greater Leys with good transport links to Oxford city.

EPC Rating: C

Temple Cowley


£225,000


One DOUBLE BEDROOM ground floor apartment situated in the popular location of Temple Cowley and being offered onto the market in good decorative order with no onward chain. Offering easy access into Oxford City and the Southern Bypass, with amenities nearby.

EPC Rating: C

Rose Hill


Offers in Excess £210,000


A STUNNING ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT presented to an excellent standard. Modern open plan living room to fitted kitchen with built in appliances. Double bedroom with white bathroom. MUST VIEW to appreciate modern living. Close to local amenities with excellent bus service. 999 year lease.

EPC Rating: B

Oxford


Offers in Excess £150,000


Offered to the market is this WELL PRESENTED ground floor flat for over 55 years of age situated in the Singletree retirement development. The location offers nearby bus stops with regular services into Oxford, plus local shops, cafes and medical centre. Vacant possession sale.

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HEADINGTON

Headington

£400,000

A well presented three bed family home well situated for the John Radcliffe Hospital & access to city centre in Colterne Close. Cherwell catchment area and good transport links, please call us to book your viewing.

Headington

£500,000

Three bedroom family home in this highly regarded road. This property is offered with no onward chain. Within walking distance from the Churchill, Nuffield and JR hospitals. Also close proximity to Brookes campus and Headington shops.

Headington

£475,000

A beautifully presented house within walking distance of the Nuffield and Churchill hospitals. An ideal purchase for either a family or an investor. Sold with no onward chain.

Headington

£500,000

Modern and spacious 3 bed family home which boasts extended kitchen diner at the rear, large living room and downstairs cloakroom on the ground floor.

Headington

£250,000

A well presented home within the ring road which gives you great links to the Churchill and Nuffield hospitals. Ideal opportunity for either a first time buyer or a buy to let investor.

Headington

£410,000

Ideally located for access to the John Radcliffe hospital and A4/M40, this property has a ground floor extension and two reception rooms. An ideal family home or investment opportunity.

Risinghurst

OIE £350,000

A well presented, extended home in the popular Risinghurst area. The property offers substantial accommodation over two levels and provides good access to local hospitals and amenities.

Headington

OIE £650,000

Presented in excellent order throughout, this unique property has substantial living space over two floors and an extensive mature garden. Suitable for extension (subject to planning) and conveniently located for access to local amenities and transport links.

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OIE £375,000

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THAME

Thame

£425,000

Located within easy access of the bustling town centre of Thame and within a sought after new development, this three bedroom semi-detached house is an ideal family home. Built in 2012 by David Wilson Homes, this property is still under NHBC warranty.

Thame

£490,000

A traditional 1930s three bedroom semi-detached family home situated in a sought after residential area that gives good access to the town centre of Thame. Renovated to a high standard with new kitchen/ diner, new bathrooms and carpets throughout, this is a rare opportunity to purchase a high quality home with off street parking and a good sized garden.

Brill

£285,000

A lovely, picturesque two bedroom property located in the sought after village of Brill. Viewing is highly advised. This home, which offers tidy and well maintained accommodation throughout includes a ground floor living room, dining room and kitchen whilst the first floor has a master bedroom, second double bedroom and bathroom.

Chalgrove

£425,000

A very well presented and well cared for four bedroom detached family home on the outskirts of this thriving Oxfordshire village. Located in a cul-de-sac of similar styled properties that provides good access to the centre of the village, this lovely family home is offered for sale in pristine decorative order throughout.

Brill

£525,000

This fine home has been the subject of extension and alteration over recent years and now provides larger than average living accommodation throughout. The current owners have maintained the property to a high internal specification and an early inspection is strongly advised.

Chalgrove

£340,000

With two double bedrooms and one single, this property has been cleverly extended into the garage to give a spacious downstairs living area with two reception rooms.

Bledlow

£925,000

A rare opportunity to acquire a four bedroom detached bungalow with mature and enclosed gardens approaching c. 0.3 acre in an excellent rural location with panoramic views across unspoilt countryside to the rear. Currently the property is in need of some upgrading and enhancement and offers excellent potential for future extension (ssstp).

Brill

£600,000

A stunning three bedroom family home that forms part of a courtyard development in this sought after Buckinghamshire village. The property boasts spacious family accommodation throughout including three reception rooms.

Thame

£300,000

Offering modern and well presented accommodation within a close distance to the centre of the popular market town of Thame, this mid terraced property has been lovingly maintained and enhanced to a high standard.

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£1,200 pcm



Abingdon

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Abingdon OIEO
£600,000

This home is a cosy retreat whilst still having access to the town of Abingdon. EPC Rating D.



Abingdon **£375,000**
With natural light flooding through each window, this 3 bedroom property is the perfect place to cosy up during the winter months. EPC Rating D.



Steventon **£350,000**
'The neutral decor and polished finish will appeal to those looking to move straight into a home without the upheaval of work' EPC Rating C.



Drayton £440,000

Chalet bungalow offering tranquil living as it is situated within a no through road in the village of Drayton. EPC Rating D.



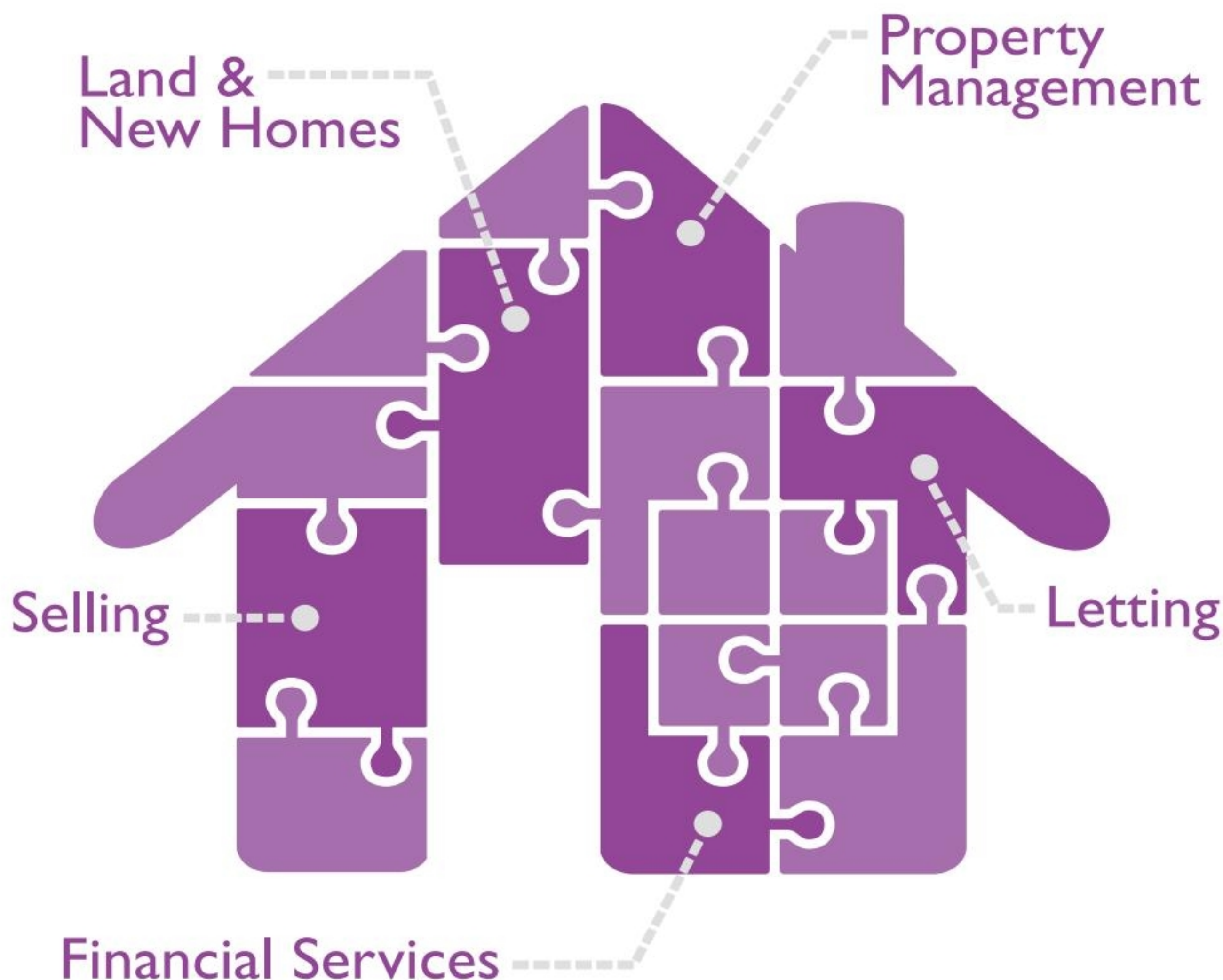
Marcham **£310,000**
A recently constructed Cotswold Stone house with three bedroom property with pleasant views over fields. EPC Rating B.



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WANTAGE A beautiful four bedroom townhouse just 0.3 miles walk from the Wantage Market Place. Allocated parking & garage. EPC Rating C.

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ABINGDON-ON-THAMES Open views of the River Thames compliment this impressive three storey townhouse forming part of The Old Foundry Development. EPC Rating D.

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ABINGDON-ON-THAMES A detached house situated on a highly sought after road, benefitting from dual school catchment to Rush Common and Thomas Reade. EPC Rating D.

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WESTFIELD CLOSE, GROVE £129,950

(2 miles Westgate, 12 miles Oxford)



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WARDS PARK, OLD MARSTON £144,950

(2.5 miles Oxford centre)



A much improved 1982 Tingdene 36' x 20' twin unit on popular private park within the ring road. Inner hall, 20' lounge/diner, re-fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bedroom 3/study, bathroom, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed replacement windows and doors, gardens with on-site car parking space, additional communal car parking nearby

TUDOR COURT BOTLEY £159,950

(3 miles Oxford)



A well presented and much improved mid-1980s Stately Albion 36' x 20' twin unit on sought-after private park. Porch, hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, 2 double bedrooms, shower room, mains gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows, Decra style roof, gardens, detached garage

SANDFORD ON THAMES £189,950

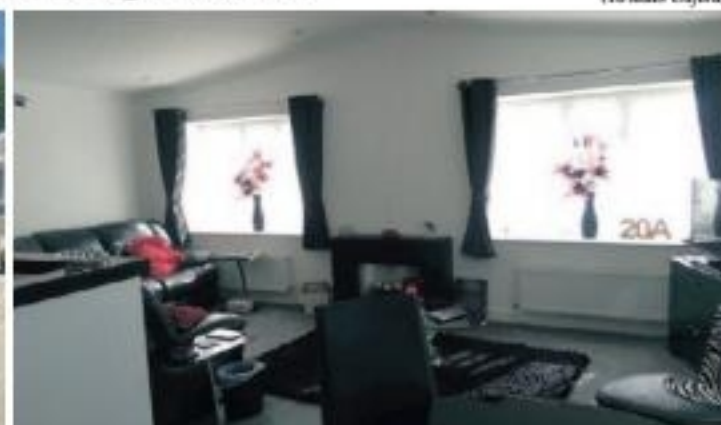
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N.B: EXAMPLE OF STYLE AVAILABLE, NOT ACTUAL HOME!
A brand new Stately Albion Tredgar 36' x 20' twin unit on well-located popular park. Porch, hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), bathroom, UPVC double glazing, LPG gas radiator central heating, Decra style roof, textured walls, brick built skirt and steps, gardens, on-site car parking space

BICESTER PARK HOME ESTATE £199,950

(10 miles Oxford)



A superbly presented 2014 Homeseeker Special 40' x 20' twin unit set on recently established park home site just south of Bicester town centre. Porch, hall, cloakroom, open-plan 20' x 17'9" maximum L-shaped lounge/dining room, superbly fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), LPG gas radiator central heating, Georgian style double glazed windows and doors, maintenance-free UPVC white fascias, barge-boards and soffits, textured walls, Decra style roof, brick built skirt and steps, low maintenance gardens with on-site car parking space

TUDOR COURT, BOTLEY £129,950

(3 miles Oxford)



A 1984 Tingdene Alpine Lodge 40' x 20' twin unit in need of modernization and updating on sought-after private park. Inner hall, 20' lounge/diner, kitchen, 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), bedroom 3/study, bathroom, mains gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazing, Decra style roof, textured walls, brick built skirt, 32' detached garage, gardens

ST MARY'S COURT, BAMPTON G.P £175k - £200k

(12 miles south west Oxford)



EXAMPLE OF STYLE AVAILABLE, NOT ACTUAL HOME
Brand New Prestige Sonata either 38' x 20' or 38' x 20' with up to 10' x 17' extension or 45' x 19' twin unit (alternative model considered) to be sited on popular private park, backing onto farmland. Hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, (utility room/study in larger units), 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), bathroom, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, Decra style roof, brick built skirt and steps, gardens, on-site car parking

THAMESIDE COURT, BABLOCKHYTHE £129,950

(3 miles Witney, 10 miles Oxford)



A late 1980s Tingdene 40' x 20' twin unit on good sized pitch with 75' approximate stream frontage to rear. Porch, hall, lounge, conservatory, dining area, kitchen/breakfast room, rear lobby, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room, LPG gas central heating, UPVC double glazed replacement windows, Decra style roof, reconstituted stone skirt, on site car parking space, good sized pitch approximately 75' x 60' overall

NEW LOOK PARK, £49,950

CARTERTON (5 miles Witney, 15 miles Oxford)



A much improved and well presented Sandringham 50' x 10' single unit on small private park. Inner hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, shower room, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, Decra style roof, gardens, car parking nearby

WESTFIELD CLOSE, £78,500

GROVE (2 miles Westgate, 12 miles Oxford)



A mid 1980s Tingdene Mackworth 41' x 12' single unit set on good corner plot on established private park. Hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, shower room, mains gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows, Decra style roof, textured walls, brick built skirt, gardens with scope to form on-site car parking space, communal car parking nearby

KINGS COPSE PARK, £49,950



A much improved circa 1980 Omar Oulton single unit on established private park. Open-plan lounge/kitchen, hall, bedroom, bathroom, gas radiator central heating via Heatline combi-boiler, UPVC double glazing, textured walls, Decra style roof, gardens, on-site car parking space

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Psalm 18:2



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It is time to invest in an Oxford student property

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and Managing Director of Martin and Co Oxford

In last week's article I set out the case for investing in property in Oxford as opposed to holding capital in savings accounts. This week I'm asking: which type of investment property could provide the best income? Whether you are an existing landlord looking to grow your portfolio, or a first time investor making your first foray in to world of property, high among your concerns will be the rental yield from any potential investment. With Oxford property prices rising ahead of national trend and faster than rents, getting a satisfactory yield from your investment can seem tough.

There are many factors that affect the rental yield you can earn: for example the price of the property, the location appeal to tenants, the occupancy rate you achieve, the presentation of the property relative to comparable home and the costs of up-keep and maintenance. A good agent can help you with all these brain-aches, and help you maximise the value of your investment. However, when considering your gross yield, there is a crucial question you should be asking when investing in Oxford:

"Should I be investing in student property?"

For many landlords, the very thought of managing a student property conjures images of run-down houses with maintenance issues coming out of the woodwork and tenants who will damage the property at every opportunity. But is this the reality of becoming a student landlord?

The law states that any property that is occupied by three or more people who are unrelated (i.e. not in a couple or family relationship) must hold a HMO (House in Multiple Occupation) licence granted by Oxford City Council. HMO properties can range anywhere from upmarket flats in modern developments, all the way through to six or seven bedroom Victorian townhouses. Three-bed+ student properties in Oxford must invariably hold a HMO licence, which certifies the suitability of the house for multiple occupancy, ensuring that communal areas, kitchen/bathroom facilities and safety features are appropriate for the number of people living in the property.

The beauty of investing in an HMO is that rooms in the property are usually let on an individual basis, meaning that each tenant pays their own individual rent. The market value for rooms in shared houses in Oxford is significantly higher than the national average, meaning that the gross rental yield on a HMO property can far exceed that of the same property if it were let on a private residential basis. When we factor in the huge demand for student houses in expensive areas of Oxford such as Iffley Fields, Cowley and Headington, investing in a student HMO could be your ticket to superior gross rental yields.

Do the numbers really stack up on student houses? Martin & Co in Oxford recently let a three-bed family home in the popular student area of east Oxford near Cowley and Iffley Roads for approximately £1,100

per calendar month. With the current market value sitting at around £525,000, this represents an approximate gross yield of just 2.5 per cent for a new buyer - not a very attractive figure for any prospective buy-to-let investor. We also let an almost identical property, of the same approximate market value and just two streets away from the first property, to a group of four students. With one reception room converted to a bedroom and each student paying £487.50 per calendar month in rent, the total monthly income for the investor sits at £1,950, representing a gross yield of 4.5 per cent - nearly double that of the private residential let for an almost identical property in terms of age, quality and size.

There are of course costs associated with being a student landlord. For example, there is a cost of £699 associated with obtaining a HMO licence in Oxford, and the licence must be renewed annually if you are not a council accredited landlord at a cost of £187. However, allowing an accredited agent to manage your property will mean that your licence will only need renewing every five years. At Martin & Co we save our clients time and money by using our accredited status to obtain five-yearly licences, and we process all the admin on behalf of our landlords.

Furthermore, maintenance issues can sometimes be more prominent in student houses, simply by virtue of multiple individuals using showers, cooking facilities and communal spaces. However, with



the superior gross yields from HMOs, both these and licencing costs can be absorbed whilst still maintaining an enhanced monthly income.

Many landlords fear students, certain that their property will be damaged by careless and malicious damage. However, with the costs of university ever rising, students are increasingly viewing university as a financial investment in their future, and as such want to live and work as adults in quality accommodation - and they are willing to pay for it. And the best thing about student lets? You never have to worry about finding tenants again. Oxford city council estimate that up to one in five Oxford residents live in HMOs, with approximately 20,000 students searching for the perfect home to share with friends each academic year. With this many tenants desperate to rent, a well-maintained student HMO with four to five bedrooms for around £450-500 per person per calendar month will be snapped up year after year.

So whatever your interest in the Oxford property market, don't underestimate investment in our city's student housing, a brilliant way to optimise your yields, balance returns across your portfolio whilst protecting your valuable capital.

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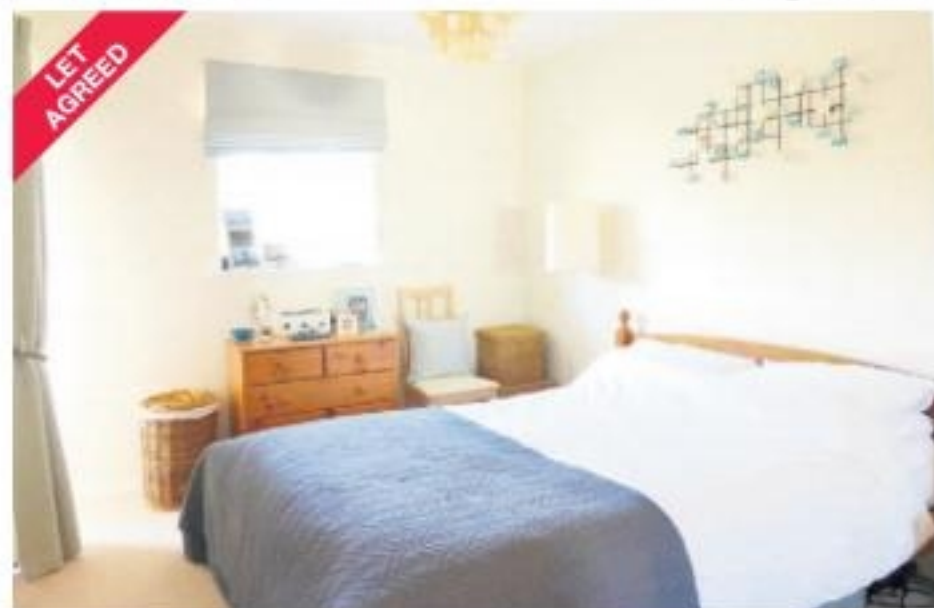
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By James Richings

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'Wrecking Ball' will see double act Gemma Paintin and James Stenhouse tackle the modern day drama focusing on a photographer and the impact the paparazzi making and breaking celebrities.

"Wrecking Ball is about how images are made and their power, and how reality and fiction can get mixed up," Gemma said.

"I play a woman having her photo taken, she is probably a celebrity, although the audience never know for sure but she is trying to reinvent herself.

"James plays a photographer who is cool and very hip but manipulative, pretending that he is just being relaxed and casual, but in actual fact he is controlling the whole situation."

'Wrecking Ball' is one of 12 productions the duo has created as part of Action Hero Theatre Company.

Their newest show has netted many plaudits from theatre enthu-

siasts and critics.

But Gemma was quick to dismiss the notion that their show was named after a certain former UK number.

"The show is not named directly after the Miley Cyrus song," she said. "It was more like the title suited our show, and there is an interesting crossover."

She added: "The audience can expect a funny, dark story about a photographer and his subject, with a twist at the end."

"They can also expect to have a good night out, and have something great to chat about on the way home."

The play is suitable for anyone over the age of 14 and tickets cost from £10 to £15. It starts at 7.30pm.

• Gemma Paintin and James Stenhouse



Heralded musician arrives at folk club

THE past 10 years have been pretty memorable for Kris Drever.

The Scottish singer-songwriter has gone from aspiring musician to award-winning artist with a third studio album under his belt.

He arrives at Nettlebed Folk Club next Monday, October 17 to showcase songs from 'If Wishes Were Horses'.

Kris, who has won three BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards from 2007 to 2009, revealed the inspiration behind his latest record was down to a number of pivotal experiences over the past few years.

"The album is about my life really," he said.

"I had been in the city for about 16 years doing the full steam ahead musician-for-hire thing, and then for one reason and another everything flipped around and I found myself living in Shetland awaiting the arrival of a baby.

"At the same time as the personal changes came massive (on-going) political upheaval. It's been a song writing gift really. Sometimes these things just write themselves."

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Wrecking Ball is a play written and performed by Action Hero. Action Hero have performed in theatres, bars and public spaces everywhere, from an old cinema in Bangkok to Shanghai Grand Theatre, from a blues bar in Texas to a Satan's Riders Motorcycle club house in Tasmania. Their ongoing interests lie in the iconography of popular culture and its use, both as a weapon and as a shared cultural memory, and although their work manifests

many different forms, the live experience is at the heart of everything they do. Gemma & James have been shortlisted for several awards and won an Austin (Texas) Critic's Table Award in 2013. In 2015, a book of six of their works was published by Oberon.

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This is to avoid the sudden rush of demands many restaurants face during the hectic festive period, where hundreds of work places, families, friends and so on are scrambling around to get the best deals and menus, with some paying the ultimate price of not getting the restaurant that they really wanted.

Don't get yourself in that situation this Christmas.

It is the one time of the year where planning is fundamentally important, as nobody wants to be left disappointed that the presents they wanted to buy or the restaurants that they wanted to book were unavailable.

Christmas is a time for family and friends to enjoy each other's company, and we want to be part of this process of happiness.

So if you are reading this and have had suddenly thought of a whole host of ideas to make this the greatest Christmas possible for yourself, your friends, your family or even your colleagues, then you have come to the right place.

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Mazda MX-5 1.5 131ps Sports Nav

New model just as good as ever

By Anthony Yates

IF you are thinking of going out and buying a two-seater sports car right now then there are only really a couple of choices. The Mazda MX5 or something from Toyota that to be honest I can't be bothered to tell you about because I have already announced the winner right here, right now.

The MX-5 has been doing the rounds for over 25 years and, every time Mazda has produced an updated model, I went out and tested the new

generation just to see if it would feel better, worse or just the same.

Well, I am happy to report that nothing has changed because it's just as good as it always been, even 25 years later.

Interior & technology:

Fitted with a 1.5-litre petrol four-cylinder in-line DOHC, 16 valve engine with 131ps @ 7000rpm, 150Nm of torque and a fantastic short-shift, six-speed gearbox that is pretty much used across the board by sports car manufacturers because it's basically one of the best you can buy if you are looking at building a fast two-seater.

You might also be lured into thinking that installing a 1.5-litre engine in two-seater sports cars would be a very weak combination, but you would be wrong because as the MX-5 only weighs 1215kg this makes it as nimble as a field mouse and as frisky as a French poodle. Also, give it some beans and you will get a healthy 0-62 time of about 8.3 seconds and an impressive 47.1mpg

(combined), along with a top speed of around 127mph.

On the road:

Nimble, frisky and downright sublime – and that's just to get you started. The handling is also just as superb thanks to the Mazda engineers getting everything right and getting all those all important components working together in perfect harmony.

Design & technology

The design of the MX-5 has stood the test of time really well and, even with this new generation, you can tell it's still an MX-5, despite the new lighting changes and the body-boosting upgrades.

Sitting inside any two-seater sports car is tight, but for some reason the MX-5 feels bigger. Headroom and legroom are also good and I was really surprised that none of my internal organs needed to be squashed into place before I could sit inside.



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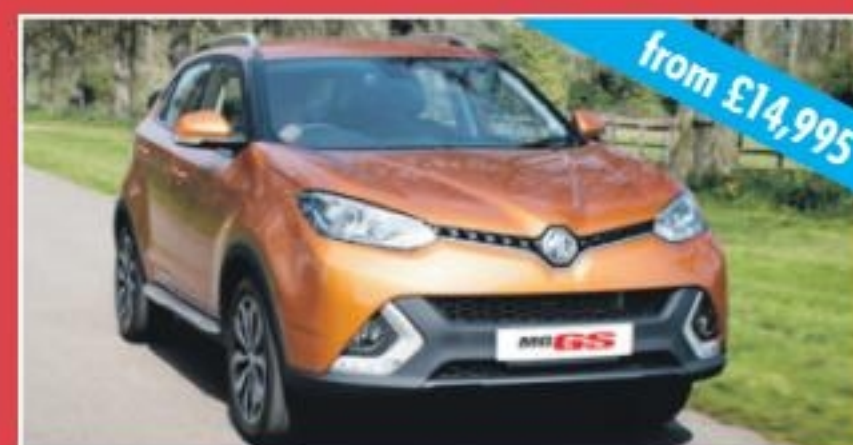
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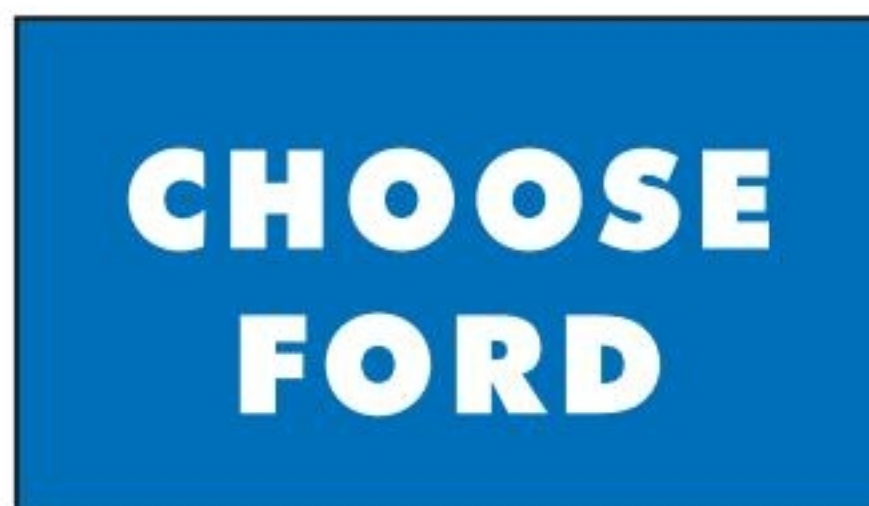
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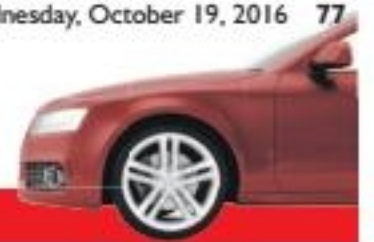
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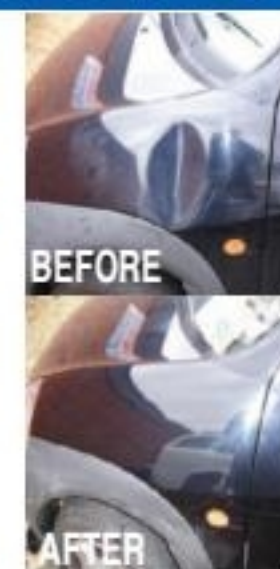


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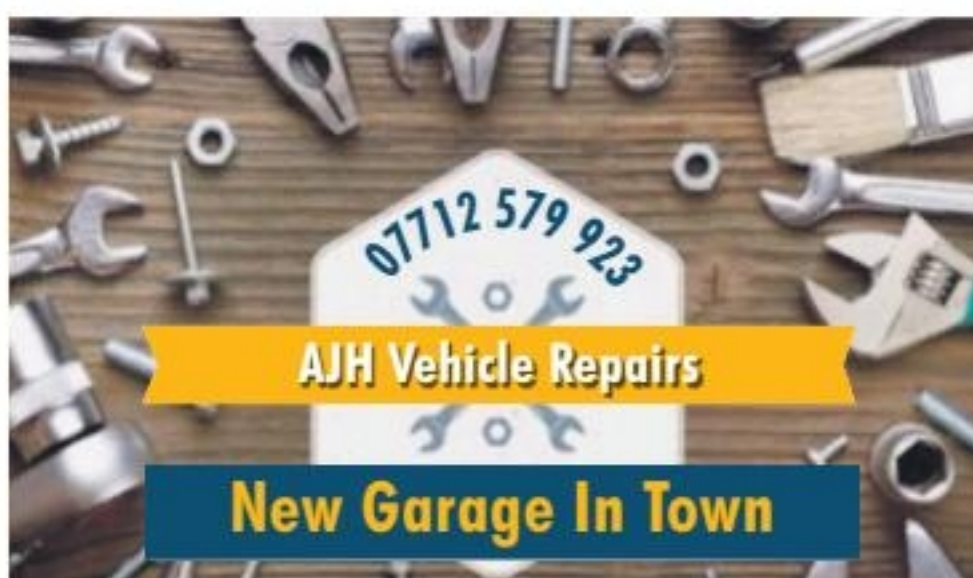
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Williams' 'risky strategy' pays off with points share at Japanese GP

By Adam Flinn

WILLIAMS believe they achieved the maximum they could in Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix after Felipe Massa and Valtteri Bottas came home ninth and 10th respectively.

The Grove-based team made good use of a one-stop strategy to move up the order as other cars pitted, holding off Romain Grosjean at the end for a double points finish.

However, with both Force

India drivers finishing ahead of them, Williams have dropped 10 points behind their rivals in the battle for fourth place in the constructors' championship.

Rob Smedley, Williams' head of performance engineering, said: "Quite honestly, with the car and the pace we had this weekend that was pretty much all we could have done as a team."

"We played a risky strategy in order to get ourselves in the points and we got three in the

end, so the team can be reason-

ably proud. The overriding point is that the car just wasn't quick enough and that has been the biggest disappointment of the weekend in both qualifying and the race."

Both Williams drivers ran together for pretty much the entire race, with Bottas ahead of Massa in the early stages.

Massa pitted first on lap 24, but a slower pitstop for Bottas two laps later meant he emerged behind his team-mate.

Massa said: "The pace at the

beginning didn't look very promising compared to the others so we tried to stay out long to do a one-stop, and it worked out."

"I think it was a positive race and the strategy worked out very well."

Bottas said: "There definitely wasn't any more we could have got out of the race. From my side, being the lead car in the first stint I was hoping for the better strategy out of the two of us, but that didn't work out."

With four races left, Williams

have 124 points, while Force

India are on 134 after Sergio Perez and Nico Hulkenberg

were seventh and eighth respec-

tively in Japan.

The next race is the United States Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, on October 23.

• Felipe Massa came ninth in Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix (picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)



Drivers' championship standings

1. Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	313
2. Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	280
3. Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	212
4. Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	170
5. Max Verstappen	Red Bull	165
6. Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	165
7. Valtteri Bottas	Williams	81
8. Sergio Perez	Force India	80
9. Nico Hulkenberg	Force India	54
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Haas pair fail to hold top-10 grid slots



• Grosjean just missed out on points in Japan (picture courtesy of Haas F1)

HAAS' best qualifying performance was followed by a disappointing race at the Japanese Grand Prix over the weekend.

Neither Romain Grosjean nor Esteban Gutierrez were able to hold on to their top-10 grid positions for the Banbury-based team,

ending 11th and 20th respectively.

Gutierrez in particular had a disastrous afternoon, with the Mexican still yet to score a single point this season. He slipped to 20th after pitstops and got stuck in traffic, before a spin at the chicane while trying to overtake Carlos Sainz

cemented his lowly position.

Gutierrez said: "Everything started pretty good, then I came into the pits and I ended back out behind a lot of traffic, and that was it. Then I had the incident with Carlos. He braked a bit early, closing the door and I had nowhere to go."

Grosjean's race was more competitive, but he was denied a couple of points by Williams' one-stop strategy. The Frenchman had been running in front of Felipe Massa and Valtteri Bottas, but his extra pitstop put him behind and he was unable to get back past.

Grosjean said: "I thought we deserved much more."

"We could have pitted earlier for the last stint, but overall the pace was amazing and it shows a lot of promise for the future."

Fellow Banbury team Manor had an afternoon to forget, with Esteban Ocon and Pascal Wehrlein propping up the field in 21st and 22nd.

Renault hope to get back the points

RENAULT had a quiet afternoon at Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix as both drivers made up ground on their starting positions.

Jolyon Palmer and Kevin Magnussen were 12th and 14th for the Enstone-based squad, improving on their respective grid slots of 16th and 17th.

Both deployed one-stop strategies to move up the order, but were

not able to add to the two points the team has picked up in the last two races.

Palmer said: "We had a lot of luck last week (when he came 10th in Malaysia) and I think this was actually a stronger performance."

"We beat everyone that we could so I'm pleased with how we went with the strategy, pace, performance, everything was good."

Magnussen said: "I started the race on hard tyres against others around me on the softs and mediums, so it was always going to be tough."

He added: "We can't be completely satisfied with the race after scoring points in the last two races, but we will work hard to get back into point-scoring positions in the coming rounds."

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Oxford Ladies 1sts fall to yet another defeat

OXFORD Ladies 1sts made it an unwanted three defeats from three as the South League Division 2 side lost 2-1 at Havant 1s on Saturday.

Oxford started brightly, a driving run from Beth Williamson creating an opening for Christy Barnard to put Oxford one up.

Charley Ebbutt and Emily Malden came close to adding a second, but Havant intercepted a loose ball in the 25 to touch home on the far post to level the score at half-time.

Oxford came out in the second half keen to push on, but Havant went 2-1 up from a penalty corner.

Oxford Ladies 1sts are the only team not to pick up a point and sit second bottom, ahead of Buckingham Ladies 2nds, only thanks to a point deduction.

Meanwhile, Oxford Ladies 2nds lost 4-1 at Wallingford 1sts. Oxford started well but conceded two goals before half-time. Laura Smith pulled a goal back but the hosts added two more.

Chinnor go top with big win

CHINNOR topped National 2 South with a 83-7 victory over a winless Exmouth.

They continued an unbeaten run matched only by Old Ethamians, who took second place after beating last week's leaders Taunton.

Chinnor's 13-try win followed a 76-5 victory over Barnstaple two weeks ago.

The hosts opened their account with Luke Hibbard's first of four tries after nine minutes. Exmoor responded well, taking the lead with a converted try on 24 minutes courtesy of Charlie Giblings.

Chinnor hit back with two quick tries from centre Henry Lamont to put them ahead.

Their bonus point try was secured soon after with a try from Bevon Armitage following an offload from centre CJ Osazuwa.

Hibbard and Lamont then both got their hat-tricks after half-time, the latter with a length-of-the-field effort in the last two minutes. Hibbard claimed his fourth in the best team move of the game, after a break from Osazuwa.

Further tries from Bertie Hopkin, Danny Barnes, Osazuwa and Tom Burns punished Exmouth further.

The Falcons are set for an Bonfire Night encounter with chasers Old Elthamians at home on November 5.

Elsewhere, Henley Hawks fought back from 12 points down to overcome Bury St Edmunds in a 41-36 victory at home. They now lie eight in the table, having lost to Chinnor in their second encounter of the season.

Fans in talks with owner over buying the Kassam

By George Welch

SUPPORTERS of Oxford United are in talks with the club's former owner over buying the Kassam Stadium.

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Mr Kassam bought the club in 1999 for £1 and sold it in 2006 for £2m, but retained ownership of the stadium.

He said he was open to the "principle" of community ownership.

In a statement via OxVox on Saturday, Mr Kassam said: "While there is a great deal to do before any agreement could be made to make the Kassam Stadium community-owned, I am happy to confirm the principle, after discussions with OxVox, that the target for the stadium is that it should pass into community ownership for the future security of the football club and the benefit of the local community.

"I look forward to working



• Oxford United's Kassam Stadium

with OxVox further in the coming months to make progress towards that aim."

OxVox trust chairman Jem Faulkner said: "Meetings and regular communication has been going on for some time with various key stakeholders and that, of course, has included Firoz Kassam and his board.

"The highly constructive nature of our talks with Firoz

Kassam have been very encouraging and it has become clear that he shares our vision to see if a community-owned solution for the stadium can be achieved for the benefit of OUFC, its fans and the wider community."

He added: "Everything is all still at a very early stage and there is much detail to work through, but the willingness of all parties to talk openly and

discuss the possibilities gives us great cause for optimism."

It is understood Oxford United and owner Darryl Eales have not been involved in any of the talks so far.

Oxford United chairman Mr Earles has admitted to making three bids to buy the stadium; two of the bids have been rejected while another is reportedly still on the table.

The U's have the ninth highest home average attendance in League One, with 8,458.

Last season's promotion campaign from League Two saw an average of 7,211 fans turning up for their home matches.

Oxford City Council approved plans last month for 735 new seats in a temporary stand, bringing the ground's overall capacity to 13,235.



• Eddie Pepperell

EDDIE Pepperell's hopes of keeping his European Tour card for 2017 are hanging by a thread after another disappointing cut, this time in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship last week.

Played over three courses – the Old Course (St Andrews), the Championship Course, Carnoustie and Kingsbarns Golf Links, the Abingdon golfer made it six consecutive missed cuts.

The Frilford Heath Golf Club member carded an encouraging first round of -1 after registering four birdies and an eagle.

He followed this up with pars in round two and three to finish tied 78 and to miss the cut by one shot.

The unique event also had a team ele-

ment, which saw players were paired with celebrities.

Pepperell was paired with Dave Farrell, the bassist for American rock band Linkin Park.

Pepperell's failure to make the cut again has seen him slip to 120th in the rankings – only the top 110 earn a card for next season.

He now has two tournaments to rescue his European Tour card for next year. And Pepperell's rescue mission begins today as he tees off at The Grove in the British Masters, where he will want to improve his fortunes.

He has been grouped for the first two rounds with Italian Matteo Manassero and fellow Englishman Tom Lewis.

Stars power way to beat Dynamos

AFTER a weekend off, the refreshed Oxford City Stars returned to action with a 6-3 win at Invicta Dynamos in the NIHL South 1 on Sunday.

An Alan Green hat-trick helped the Stars to a convincing away win in Kent to inflict the Dynamos' first home defeat of the season.

The Gillingham-based side, who are considered one of the title favourites, hit back through Adam Rehak, Ashley Jackson and Steve Osman but they were never within touching distance of their visitors.

Green struck in each period, while Darren Elliott, Ben Nethersall and Dominic Hopkins added to the score sheet.

The Stars held a narrow 2-1 advantage after the first period and goals from Green and Nethersall gave Simon Anderson's side breathing space with a 4-1 lead heading into the final period.

The third period saw both teams score twice, with

Green and Hopkins giving Oxford a 6-2 advantage.

The Dynamos scored with 66 seconds left on the clock to finish the match 6-3 to the Oxford side.

Head coach Anderson bolstered his squad ahead of Saturday's win with signings of forwards Ryan McFarlane and Grant Richardson from Bristol Pitbulls on two-way deals.

Meanwhile, the Stars' fixture at Wightlink Raiders on October 22 will now be played at Gosport Ice Arena at 7pm and not at Ryde Arena due to 'ongoing issues' at the stadium.



• Oxford City Stars in action (Picture courtesy of @oxfordcitystars)

Hoops extend winless run to remain in relegation zone

Late goal rocks Oxford City

By George Welch

OXFORD City were denied their first point in four weeks after a late goal condemned the Hoops to a 1-0 home defeat to East Thurrock United on Saturday.

Justin Merritt's side had the previous weekend off, but the extra rest failed to prevent extending their winless run to six games in all competitions.

Rocks striker James Walker struck 10 minutes from time to deny City their first clean sheet of the season.

Both sides began the game in a relatively cautious manner with both midfields looking to control possession.

City's main threat came from set pieces while they also had luck down the wings with two attack-minded full backs supporting play. Tom Winters was a particular threat in this department.

Godfrey Poku made a nuisance of himself going forward, once he leaving his marker for dust as he scampered into the East Thurrock half to find James Roberts in a shooting position in the 37th minute. The young forward took the opportunity to have a pop from the edge of the area and forced a smart save from East Thurrock's Lukas Lidakevicius.

With the half drawing to a close and the momentum arguably City's, Jonny Giles found time and space in midfield to slide a promising through ball to Roberts but the keeper was able to narrowly beat the City forward to the ball.

While the first half was fairly even, City were immediately on the front foot at the start of the second and they created their best chance of the game in the 47th minute.

A low ball intended for Mike

Fondop made its way through to Shaun MacAuley with time and space in the box, but the midfielder's shot was straight at Lidakevicius. Despite the imposing keeper spilling the ball, his defenders were on hand to eradicate the City threat.

A tame effort from East Thurrock's Tom Wraith just after the hour mark threatened to provide some excitement but it was his teammate Ben Marlow who put Jack Stephens in the Oxford goal under pressure from range.

The midfielder forced a fine save from City's number one as he dived low to his right to push away the danger.

With 10 minutes remaining and completely against the run of play, East Thurrock snatched a winner on the break. A Wraith delivery found Walker who finished with ease.

Despite a triple substitution, City failed to find an equaliser.



• Godfrey Poku in action for Oxford City (Picture by Michael Allen)

Wantage triumph in trophy

WANTAGE Town overcame local rivals Kidlington Town 3-2 in the preliminary round of the FA Trophy when they made the short trip to Yarn-ton Road on Saturday.

Despite manager Stuart Cattell being unavailable and assistant coach Tom Butler taking the reins for the derby, strikes from Harvey Scholes, Tai Hulbert-Thomas and Mark Francis secured the Alfredians' passage into the first qualifying round.

Louis Joyce and Harry Owen strikes kept the Greens in the contest but it is Wantage who will travel to Weymouth in the next round.

A 25-yard effort from Scholes and a Hulbert-Thomas header in the 18th and 55th minutes respectively gave the visitors a 2-0 lead. But Kidlington carried on working hard and were rewarded when Joyce pulled a goal back just after the hour.

But the Freds had their two-goal cushion back eight minutes later when Francis rifled his shot into the back of the net from inside the box.

Kidlington were not done yet though and with five minutes left Owen headed in at the far post.

With only five minutes left on the clock, the Freds slowed the play down. And, despite eight minutes of injury time being added, Kidlington were unable to break down the Freds' defence.

Town will travel to Weymouth in the next round on October 29.

Didcot fall to a narrow defeat at Mitres' hands

IT WAS déjà vu for Didcot Town as the Railwaymen visited Bishops Cleeve for the second time in as many weeks.

While the points were shared at Kayte Lane in a 1-1 draw in the league two weekends ago, this time around Diddy suffered a narrow 1-0 defeat in the FA Trophy preliminary round.

After suffering penalty shoot-out heartbreak on Tuesday last week against North Leigh in the League Challenge Cup, Didcot hearts were broken this time around by Cleeves' Kirk Layton.

The Mitres' captain stuck the knife in the heart of Didcot's FA Trophy campaign with an 88th minute winner.

Throughout the first half, both teams pushed to open the scoring but it soon became apparent that there was only going to be one goal in it.

Bishops Cleeve began the second half stronger with more

energy as they continually pressed the Didcot defensive line.

Cleeve's first chance of the second half came in the 56th minute when a Cleeve corner was cleared off the line by Jordi Mulvany to keep Diddy in the contest.

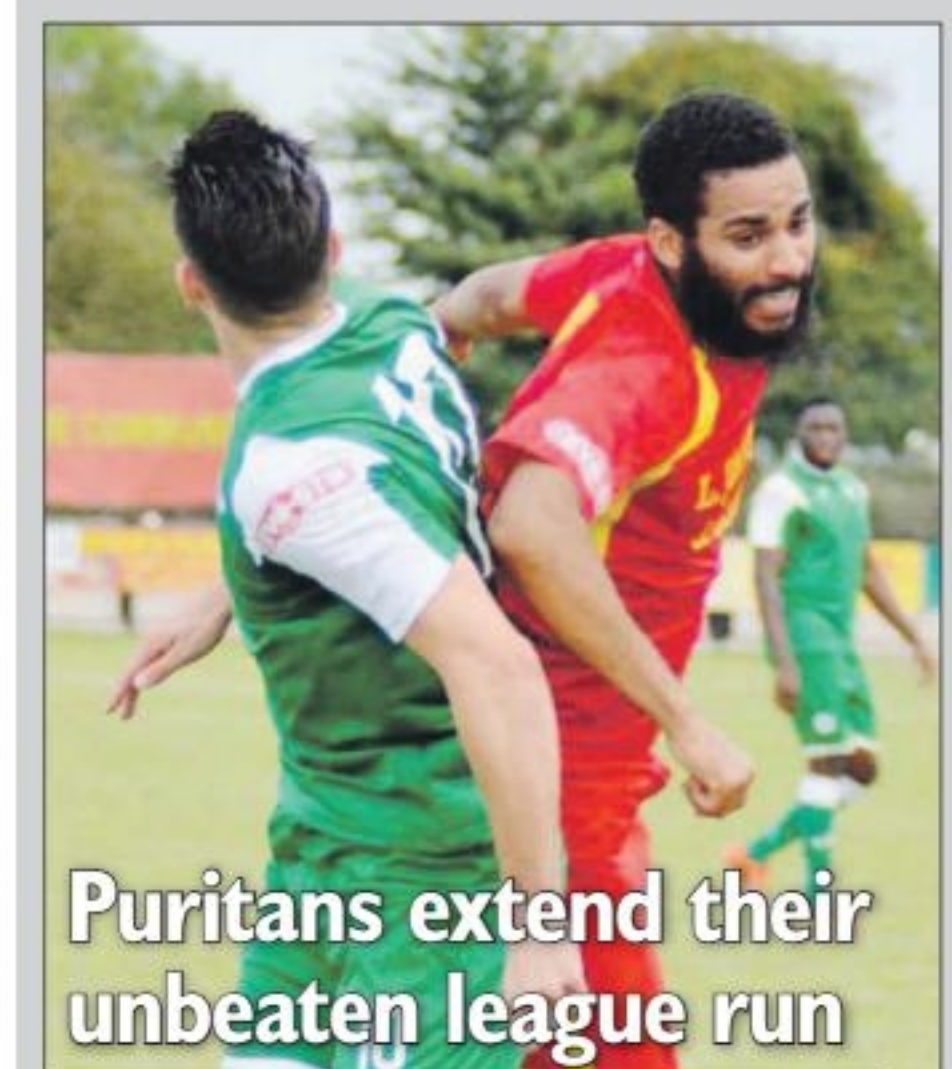
And 12 minutes later Cleeve had another close chance when a lofted cross by Jack Watts rattled the crossbar.

Diddy pushed to open the scoring and were denied a penalty when Nick Thorne appeared to have been tripped in the penalty box. Unimpressed, the referee awarded a goal kick to Cleeve.

The winner for the hosts arrived in the closing stages when a dangerous ball across the face of goal was converted by Layton, who calmly slotted the ball beyond Leigh Bedwell with two minutes to go.



• Leigh Bedwell catches a cross for Didcot (Picture by Roger Neal)



• Puritans, Marvin Martin, in action (Picture by Edwin Barson)

BANBURY United extended their unbeaten league run to six games with Saturday's 1-1 draw with Biggleswade Town and Tuesday night's last-ditch 2-1 win at Cambridge City.

It was a disaster for City's Jack Uttridge, who from eight yards out in the 92nd minute miskicked his clearance into his own net to give Banbury their sixth win in 10 matches in all competitions.

Joe Carden gave the hosts the lead on 32 minutes against the run of play when he hit both posts before the ball nestled in the net.

But just as it looked as though City would have a half-time lead, Conor McDonagh found space to score from 12 yards to level the tie at Westwood Road.

Banbury were hanging on for a point in the closing stages before the unfortunate Uttridge handed United the win.

The Puritans picked up a point at home to another Cambridgeshire side on Saturday in a 1-1 draw with Biggleswade Town at the Spencer Stadium.

Biggleswade took a fortunate early lead when Inih Effiong's cross eluded everyone including the keeper to give the visitors the lead.

But parity was restored through Ricky Johnson, who despite missing a first-half penalty made no mistake from the spot on 55 minutes to ensure the points were shared.

United are now sixth in the Southern League Premier Division.

Sport Bites

Smith returns

MOTOR RACING: Bradley Smith defied medical predictions to race at the Motul Grand Prix in Japan at the Twin Ring Motegi circuit on Sunday.

The 25-year-old Monster Tech3 Yamaha rider had missed the last three Grand Prix with a serious knee injury sustained in a practice crash for the German round of the World Endurance Championship in August.

There was concern he could have been out of action until the end of the season but after two operations and extensive physiotherapy he returned for round 15 of the 18-round championship.

Harwell sponsor

FOOTBALL: Harwell FC have announced their new shirt sponsor in a deal with house-builder Bloor Homes.

The developer, which is building at The Willows development in the village, has signed a two-year agreement with the club worth £1,200 to sponsor the team's playing kit and tracksuit.

Harwell FC is embarking on its first season in Division Two of the North Berkshire Football League after sealing promotion from the third division.

Henley on hunt

FOOTBALL: Henley Town are looking to appoint a first team manager/coach to replace Gerry McGinty who has left the club for League Two club Barnet as a youth team coach.

The Red Kites have also been decimated with the loss of several first team players to Hellenic League, Combined Counties and Wessex League clubs. Only four of last season's Reading Senior Cup winning side remain at the club.

If you are interested, contact club chairman Kim Chapman on 07515 892909 or email: itskimandrew106@gmail.com

Out of action

RUGBY: Former Chinnor rugby player Sam Jones will not make his England debut in the autumn Tests after suffering a fractured fibula.

The back row forward, who plays for Wasps, will miss five months of action with the broken leg and ankle damage suffered at England's training camp.

Club hopeful

FOOTBALL: Oxford United are hopeful defender Joe Skarz could make a quick return to action this week after being injured against AFC Wimbledon on Sunday.

Skarz, 27, was forced off in the second half of the 3-1 defeat by the Dons after a fall.

But the U's medical team has confirmed a shoulder injury was not a dislocation and he will be monitored ahead of Saturday's visit of Bradford City.



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Oxford United suffer first league defeat at the Kassam since April

Visiting Dons end U's unbeaten home record

By Dominic Thomas

OXFORD lost their unbeaten home record in League One in a 3-1 loss to AFC Wimbledon on Sunday after a purple patch for the visitors around half time left the hosts trailing in the blink of an eye.

A controversial second goal from Darius Charles assisted by a risky challenge from Dean Parrett was closely followed by a third, which despite Chris Maguire forcing an own goal, left United too far adrift.

The defeat was the U's first league loss at the Kassam Stadium since a 3-2 defeat to Luton Town in April.

Wimbledon took the lead against the run of play when Tom Elliott, who was lucky to be on the field after a two-footed challenge on Chey Dunkley, scored with a free header.

United responded well with the busy Liam Sercombe almost poking a shot past Wimbledon keeper James Shea. And seconds later Maguire had a strong penalty claim waved away.

Frustration began to show as Oxford looked for a way back into the contest with John Lundstram's heavy challenge from the edge of the box on 35 minutes typical of United's efforts.

The Yellows were in control of

possession, with Alex MacDonald's blocked shot five minutes before the whistle being their best opportunity.

But a chaotic phase of play minutes before half time saw United controversially fall further behind after Dannie Bulman's spectacular shot forced a great save from Eastwood.

The resulting corner saw Parrett rush into the box, sliding into Wes Thomas with a two-footed challenge as he teed up Charles, who curled a wonderful strike into the top corner.

In the ascendancy, the Dons took advantage when Jake Reeves dispossessed Sercombe in midfield, before blazing through the defence and picking out Andy Barcham, who beat Eastwood again.

United started their comeback straight after the break when Maguire lashed a ball across the box which was turned in by the unfortunate Charles.

They continued to push and had a golden opportunity 10 minutes later as Maguire's corner gave United three chances to score as keeper Shea parried two headers before Kane Hemmings' overhead finish cleared the bar.

Lacking a final finishing touch United were left frustrated by the Dons, who held on for their first ever win over The Yellows.



Oxford United 1
AFC Wimbledon 3

• Wimbledon celebrate Darius Charles' goal to give the Dons a 2-0 lead (Picture by Steve Daniels)

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